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A Monumental Effort

This striking figure of a man "pulling" Melchers Hall was created by J.B. Hodgson '01 for his intermediate sculpture class.

HONOR CONVOCATION

"... I further pledge that I shall endeavor at all times to create a spirit of honor, both by upholding the Honor System myself and helping others to do so."

Sunday, August 27, members of MWC's newest freshman class gathered together in Dodd Auditorium for Honor Convocation. As the faculty, dressed in full academic regalia, began the processional, many of the freshmen saw their professors for the first time.

Lauren Oviatt '01, a senior Honor Council member, said the event was "a great time for freshmen to get their first impression of the faculty." The solemn ceremony definitely made an impact on the entering class, which boasted 25 applicants for the four Honor Council positions available for freshmen, she said.

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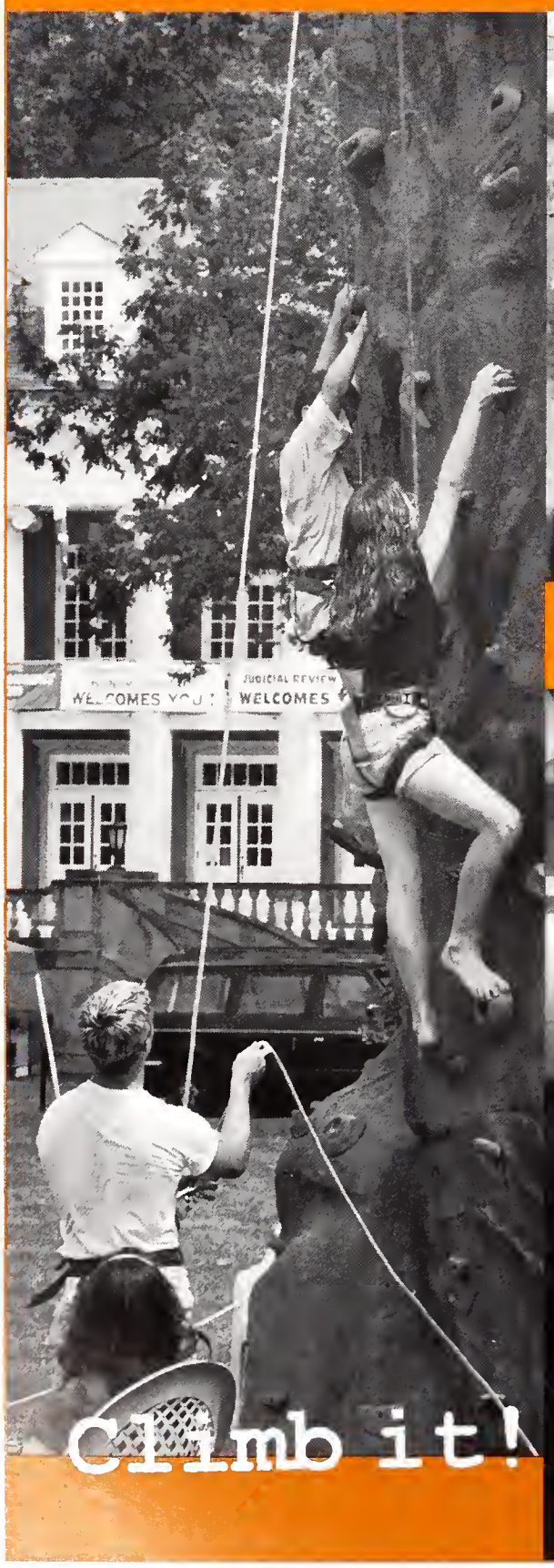
Carry it!

MWC freshmen arrived on campus on Wednesday, August 23, for several full days of orientation activities before the return of upperclassmen on Saturday and Sunday.



Climb it!

Buy it!

Forty-nine percent of the 884 enrolled freshmen ranked in the top tenth of their high-school class, and 76 percent were in the top fifth.

Read it!

Hang it!

The average SAT score was 1201; the average high school GPA was 3.64.

Mail it!

Monday, August 28, was the first day of classes in the fall semester.

I remember my first semester at Mary Washington. I was 16. I had a new red wool crew-neck sweater and red plaid pedal pushers. The fall semester started later then, and the summer heat was already gone, the sun bright but distant, evenings coolish. Lights out for first-year students was at 10 p.m. It was an all-girls school then. We were three to a room, and I read by flashlight under the covers till midnight, turning pages quietly so I wouldn't wake my roommates.

"I was 16..."

Distinguished Alumnus Kelly Cherry '61 remembers when

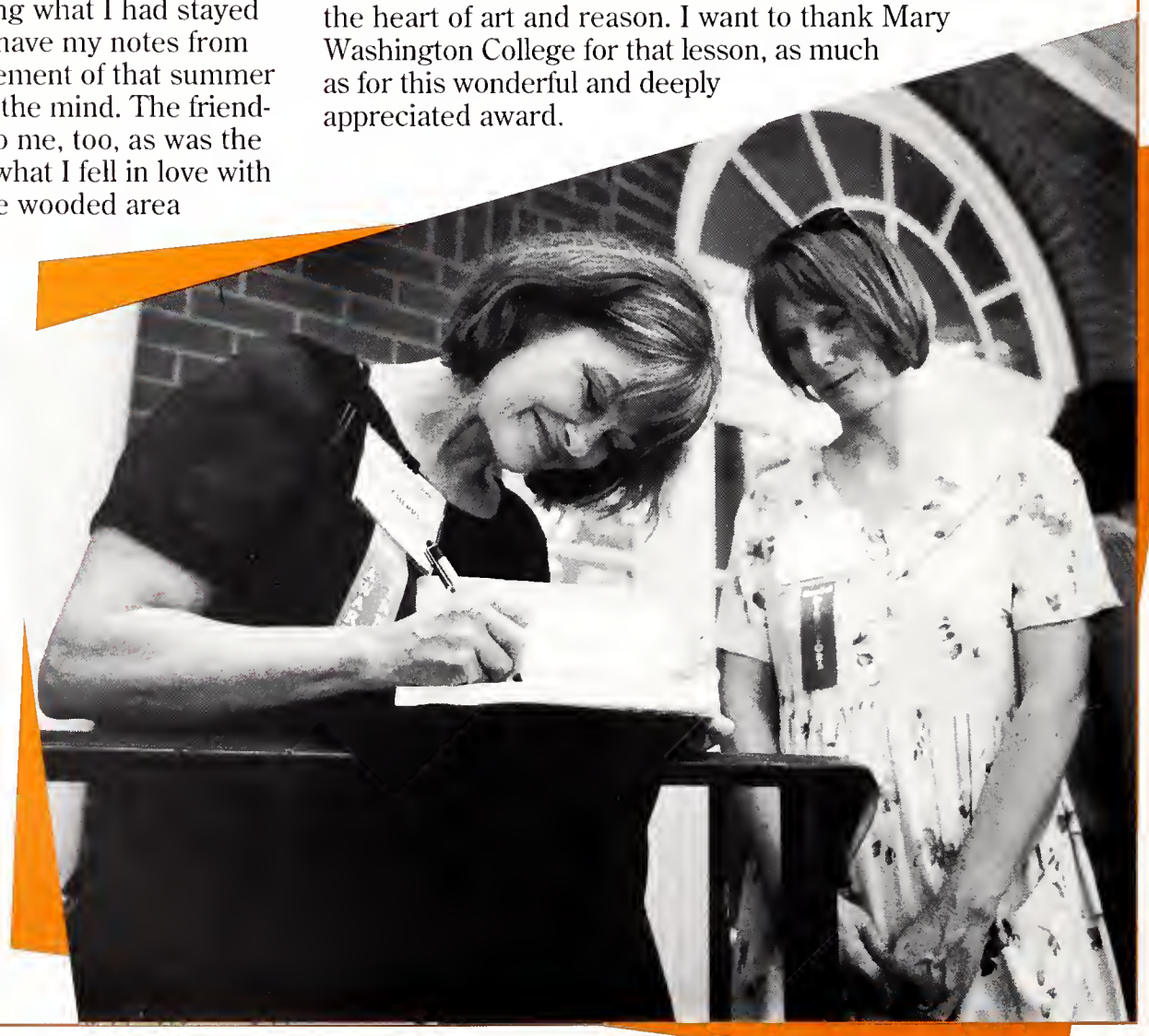
I know we all look back on our college selves and wonder how we came to be whoever we are now, living lives that have surely surprised, and certainly sometimes dismayed us. When I try to trace that trajectory for myself, I find that a great deal for which I am thankful is an inheritance from those college days. Dean Whidden was a kindly, patient father figure who, amazingly, thought my desire to be a writer was perfectly reasonable, and even told my parents so. (They, of course, had heart attacks, right there on the spot, but Dean Whidden simply reiterated what he'd said.) Professor George Van Sant and others in the Philosophy Department not merely tolerated but encouraged a kid who habitually asked what must have been annoying questions: What is the meaning of life? What is the meaning of meaning? Dr. Charles Sletten, extraordinarily generous with his time and energy, devoted an entire summer to an uncredited course we made up, the two of us, on theory and symbol; we'd meet for four or five hours a day in the soda shop, discussing what I had stayed up until 5 a.m. to finish reading. I still have my notes from that summer, and the intellectual excitement of that summer is still, for me, a definition of the life of the mind. The friendship of my classmates was important to me, too, as was the campus itself. In fact, the campus was what I fell in love with first. As a prospective student I saw the wooded area near the tennis courts and told my parents I wanted to be able to walk there and think.

Though I did walk and think, and read and read, I was a mixed-up teen-ager and not always a very good student. I made six transfers to five colleges, managing to get kicked out of two before Dean Whidden, bless his heart, delivered a speech to the trustees, I guess it was, at Mary Washington, in which he more or less promised to take responsibility for me if they would readmit me. What he and Mary Washington gave me, in letting me return, was a sense of a college as a home. Robert Frost famously wrote, "Home is the place where, when you have to go there,/They have to take you in." Mary Washington College reaccepted me with that kind of familial forbearance, and I hope I have been able, in my work, to give back something that justifies the faith this College placed in me, something that says a girl, any girl, every girl, in pedal pushers and a red sweater is a person in search of meaning and, therefore, a person to be taught.

In a poem written to celebrate the day a young friend received her degree, I offered her a few lines of advice as I recalled some of my own students,

Young women with the gifts and energy
To save a world, if they could believe it — believe
That love is their companion always, that they are loved,
And they are, and you are, but how hard it can be
To know this, for to know it, you must learn it for
Yourself.

We must learn it for ourselves, but a college can teach it. Mary Washington taught me so much, not least that love is the heart of art and reason. I want to thank Mary Washington College for that lesson, as much as for this wonderful and deeply appreciated award.



Kelly Cherry autographs a book for Heather Colby Archer Mackey '82.

Alumni Association Awards 2000

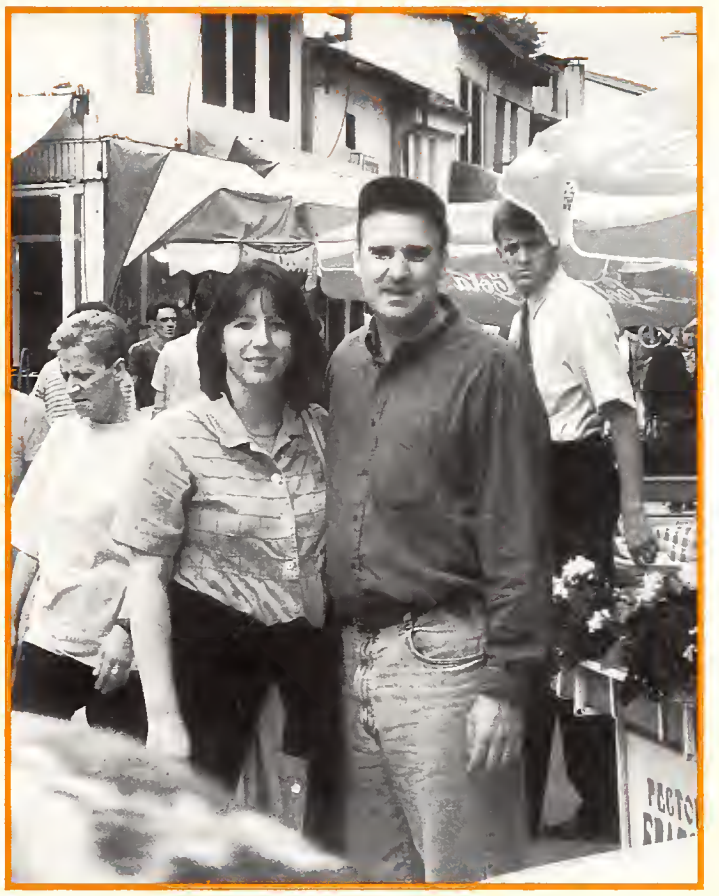
BY HEATHER COLBY ARCHER MACKEY '82

The Alumni Association awards are presented every year during Reunion Weekend at the banquet on Saturday night. This year's banquet was particularly rewarding for me because all but one — well two, as you'll find out when you read further — of the award-winners were able to attend the banquet and receive their awards in person.

YOUNG ALUMNUS AWARD

This award is presented annually to a graduate who has demonstrated outstanding achievement in profession or career, civic activities, service to the College, humanitarian causes, and/or endeavors in creative arts or sciences. Typically, this award has not been an easy one to bestow. Young alums are usually so busy establishing themselves in their careers, they forget to tell us what they are doing. However, a Mary Washington couple came to our attention last year.

Andrew and Stacey Singleton Whitman jointly captured the Young Alumnus Award. Stacey and Andrew graduated from the College in 1994 and 1997, respectively. They married in 1994 and became missionaries to Macedonia in the Balkan Peninsula in April 1998. Originally they went to Macedonia to help some residents overcome drug addiction and alcoholism; however, war broke out six months after the Whitmans' arrival. As refugees from Albania began pouring into Macedonia, Andrew and Stacey saw the overwhelming need for food, shelter and clothing.



Young Alumnus Award recipients Stacey (left) and Andrew Whitman in Macedonia

Tom and Polly Whitman and Bob and Heather Singleton accepted the Young Alumnus Award on behalf of their children.

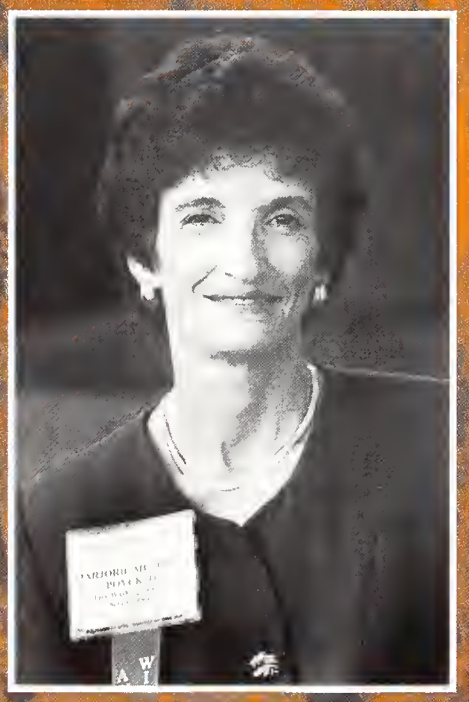
When they returned to the United States in December 1998 for the birth of their daughter, Andrew and Stacey began collecting clothing for the refugees.

Three months later they went back to Macedonia with their newborn in tow. In spite of the fear and uncertainty of living under siege — allied air strikes were in progress — they stayed put and helped wherever they were needed. While the 40 tons of clothing and supplies they collected from the Fredericksburg area took months to arrive, Andrew eventually delivered them to Kosovo in a nerve-wracking, 24-hour, 180-mile round trip over the border in a decrepit old truck.

Stacey, Andrew and their daughter are still in Macedonia and will be for another year. They have adjusted once again to the needs of the people and are working with a youth outreach program, similar to our Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. In the absence of Andrew and Stacey, their parents were present at the banquet to accept the award on their behalf. They also read a statement from them in appreciation of the award and their years at Mary Washington. This couple, with their selfless devotion to service, represents the best Mary Washington has to offer. We wish them well in their remaining time abroad.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD

KELLY CHERRY '61



SERVICE AWARD

MARJORIE MEREDITH POYCK '66

This year's Distinguished Alumnus Award was presented to Kelly Cherry, Class of 1961. Since 1966, this award has been presented to a graduate in recognition of extraordinary achievements in career, civic and/or humanitarian activities or endeavors in creative arts or sciences.

Originally from Richmond, Va., Kelly is the author of more than a dozen books of fiction, poetry, essays and creative nonfiction. Her work represents a broad spectrum of subject matter and includes the critically acclaimed memoir *The Exiled Heart*, the recently reissued novel *August Played*, and *Writing the World*, a book of essays and criticisms about writing and the writing life. Kelly's most recent endeavor is *The Society of Friends*, a collection of short stories that offers a profound glimpse into contemporary life in middle America. Kelly uses comedy, autobiography and poetry to tell a story and to reflect on life's questions.

Kelly was the first recipient of the poetry award given by the Fellowship of Southern Writers, a group that includes such luminaries as William Styron, Robert Penn Warren, Eudora Welty, Ellen Douglas, John Hope Franklin and C. Vann Woodward. Kelly's work has been represented in *Best American Short Stories*, *Prize Stories: The O. Henry Awards*, and *The Pushcart Prize*. Kelly taught for 23 years at the University of Wisconsin and has recently retired as the Eudora Welty Professor Emeritus.

As luck would have it, Kelly was a visiting writer in residence at Hollins University this past semester and consequently was in Virginia for Reunion Weekend. She and her fiancé attended the banquet, as did Distinguished Professor Emeritus George Van Sant, her favorite professor and mentor. Kelly read a brief literary marvel describing her memories of Mary Washington, which left no question in anyone's mind as to the rightful award recipient. You've already found the text of Kelly's remarks (which precedes this article) for your literary gem of the day.

Beginning in 1984, the Alumni Association has recognized a graduate who has made significant and continuous contributions to both the College and the Alumni Association. This year, the Mary Washington College Service Award was presented to Marjorie "Midge" Meredith Poyck, Class of 1966. Midge has long been active in the Fredericksburg Chapter and Class of 1966 activities. She served the Alumni Association as budget and finance chair, president-elect, and president for a total of six years. Her leadership of the Alumni Association helped to improve the budget and financial reporting processes; revise and update bylaws; enhance relationships between the Alumni Association, the College administration, and the Mary Washington College Foundation; and establish the Alumni Association's endowed scholarship, which is a need-based financial award to a child of an alumnus.

Midge continues to serve on the Mary Washington Foundation Board of Directors. During the May 13th Commencement ceremonies, she was named the first recipient of the Washington Medal for exemplary service. Most recently, she served as executive vice president and chief financial officer for the College. Midge also served as acting president during President Anderson's illness in 1996. She retired in early July and moved to South Carolina to play a little golf and enjoy her grandchildren. However, we were lucky enough to have her present the night of the banquet to accept both the Service Award and a Mary Washington College lamp as a special retirement gift from the Alumni Association. Midge's leadership, wit, and love for all things Mary Washington will be sorely missed.

As you can see, the MWC Alumni Association awards have gone to dedicated and talented individuals, both this year and in the past. We know there are more alumni out there who deserve recognition, and we are always looking for nominations. Please give these awards some thought as you hear about and come into contact with classmates and other alumni. Help us make the award committee's job even more difficult in 2001 than it was this year.

The most rewarding part of my job has been realizing the company I keep as a Mary Washington College alumnus. I have come to realize that the most enduring characteristic of Mary Washington College is its ability to draw the brightest students, nurture and encourage them to realize their fullest potential, and send them out into the world to make a difference somewhere, somehow.

Heather C.A. Mackey '82 served on the Alumni Association Board of Directors as the Awards Committee Chair.

Reunion 2000

BY DOROTHY HELD GAWLEY '50

The big welcome mat was out for all alumni "coming home" June 2-4. From the tent in Ball Circle to the classes and pictures and parties, Reunion 2000 offered the traditional and — with tours of the James Monroe Center and Jepson Science Center — the newest and most modern additions to the College. Let's take an inside look at the weekend, as seen by the Class of 1950.

And now we are official members of the Golden Society, as we celebrated our 50th reunion the weekend of June 2-4, 2000! What a wonderful time we had — 45 of us in all, and we were treated royally! Although Friday was very warm, Saturday was perfect, and the campus was as beautiful as we all remembered, with even a few magnolia trees in bloom.

Those of us who stayed in the air-conditioned Alvey Hall were greeted by volunteers who took care of our luggage and were available the whole weekend to transport us to our destinations or do other kind favors. As we entered the lounge to pick up our packets, there were squeals and hugs of recognition as we greeted one another. Luckily a large button which displayed our yearbook picture was included in our packets, but I must say we all hadn't changed that much. On one of the tables was a beautiful bouquet sent by Nat Wilton of Belleville, Wash., who couldn't be with us, but wanted to send her greetings and best wishes.

Photos of friends, photos of buildings, photos of everything. Must be time for Reunion!

From then on we were kept busy — an afternoon reception in Virginia Hall for our class and other Golden Society members, another gathering under the tent at Ball Circle which replaced the Brompton Rose Garden reception, and then a buffet supper in the new-look Seacobeck (now pronounced SEE·co·beck). Each dining area is painted differently and serves different buffet cuisine. We can say one thing: We were well fed that weekend!

Most of us stayed in the dormitory, many with husbands, so the lounge was a gathering place, with motel residents staying on to chat in the evening.

Saturday was another full day. Some opted to take a tour of the new James Monroe Center in Stafford, while others took advantage of classes offered and a few more local classmates joined us for the festivities. Following the class picture, taken on Monroe Hall steps, we enjoyed a picnic lunch, with our tables shaded by a tent.

Our afternoon class party took place in the parlor of Ball Hall with time for more conversation, looking at pictures, and a lovely Happy 50th cake. It was here that Marcy Weatherly Morris announced that our class had given $76,000, the largest class gift ever, with 66 percent of the class participating. Everyone is to be congratulated for their generosity. Scholarships are being established for children of faculty and staff of MWC. One will be the Class of 1950 Scholarship. We had

Wava Spriggs Runck, Nan Taylor Stockman, and Gaynelle Parrish Grizzard enjoy their 50th reunion.

Saturday's reunion picnic brings together old friends, new friends, and future MWC alumni.

During the reunion picnic, members of the Class of 1945 celebrated 55 years since graduation.

lots of fun playing a peanut trivia game prepared by Rachel Nickey Morgenthaler. Our senior memories recalled most of the events and people from our years at MWC with papers tucked into peanut shells! Mim Sollows Wieland presented each of us with miniature wooden goat ornaments inscribed "50th reunion MWC goats," which she and her husband had made. The Alumni Association also gave us Golden Society stickpins. These items plus the 50th reunion tote bag we received at registration are nice pieces of memorabilia of our reunion. There was not much time after this event to ready ourselves for the MWC Foundation reception at the Ridderhof Martin Gallery, followed by the banquet at the Woodard Campus Center. Our class was again cited for its outstanding contribution.

Most of us then returned to Alvey Hall lounge to catch up on more conversation and picture-taking, and to say goodbye to those with early morning departures.

Dorothy Held Gawley '50 is class agent for the Class of 1950.

Student volunteers joined alumni at the reunion picnic.

Catherine Venezio Boffa '50 (middle) and Connie Metzger Verlander '50 (right) share a laugh at the Golden Society Tea.

Campus Walk is still a place to gather, even 10 years after graduation.

First Washington Scholar

BY ANTOINETTE R. PARKER

Christopher MacDonald '04 is about as well-rounded as an 18-year-old can be. He is an accomplished pianist and scholar. He takes tae kwon do lessons and works-out regularly at a local gym. And his summer job wasn't exactly the average kind: He worked as a free-lance designer from his family's home in Fredericksburg, creating computer-generated 3-D models of cartoon-like characters for a company located on the West Coast.

Top scholars like Chris, who excel both in and out of the classroom, are competitive candidates for full-ride scholarships offered by various colleges and universities. The offer of a fully-funded education, according to Terrie Young Crawley '77, former president of the Mary Washington College Alumni Association, "is an important factor in recruiting the very best students" — which made it desirable for MWC to pursue such a scholarship program.

This fall, thanks to the dedication and hard work of Terrie, the Alumni Association Board of Directors, and College administrators, MWC was able to grant its first full-ride scholarship, making Chris MacDonald the first Washington Scholar.

Terrie conceived the idea for the program several years ago when the development office was drawing up its rationale for a major capital campaign, and on the list of needs was more money for scholarships. It was that report, combined with other factors, that led her to realize there was a need for the creation of a full-ride scholarship program.

When Terrie became president of the Alumni Association in 1996, she suggested that the alumni board of directors consider establishing a full-ride scholarship — a concept that was approved unanimously.

As she explained, "We would have people from the admissions office come [to our meetings] and tell us that they would offer admission to something like 1,000 National Merit Scholar semifinalists for 700 places in the freshman class, and only about a quarter of those students offered admission accepted. Why? Because even though they would be getting some financial aid or scholarships here, they were students of such high caliber that they could get full-ride scholarships somewhere else. The College just didn't have the wherewithal to do the full-ride. So we on the Alumni Board saw this as an opportunity to demonstrate some leadership."

Work began on the creation of a scholarship program unlike any other at the College. The resulting criteria for the program stipulate that award recipients be more than just academically gifted.

"We wanted to award this to students who had not only outstanding high-school academic records, but students who had demonstrated leadership in high school — in sports or student government or extracurricular activities — in such a way that they were head and shoulders above the average student offered admission," Terrie said.

Scholarship guidelines also require recipients to be residents of the Commonwealth of Virginia accepted to Mary Washington College through the Honors Admissions program. Preference is given to National Merit Scholar finalists and semi-finalists. To maintain their scholarships, Washington Scholars must adhere to grade-point-average guidelines and live on campus all four years at MWC. Terrie says the latter rule was added to ensure that recipients maintain visibility and stay involved in campus life.

The Alumni Board provided $50,000 of seed money in 1997, and ever since has made substantial annual contributions to the program.

The first fully-funded Washington Scholarship, the one awarded to Chris MacDonald, has been designated the Irene Lundy Brown '39 Washington Scholarship in honor of Mrs. Brown, who endowed the first award. Ronald E. Singleton, senior vice president for advancement and college relations at MWC, says that Mrs. Brown's gift has greatly benefited the College.

"Her gift made our dream of a Washington Scholars Program a reality," he said. "As a result, others have been inspired to follow her lead and are funding additional Washington Scholarships at the $200,000 level. She is a friend extraordinaire of the College, whose leadership as a member of Mary Washington's first Board of Visitors has left an indelible mark on the history of this institution."

Terrie emphasizes that Irene Lundy Brown's endowment of the first full-ride scholarship has made the program a reality sooner than was expected.

"Looking at the long term, we knew that it was going to be a several-million-dollar overall project," she says. "And to think that two years after we started talking about it, it's already up and running! The first one was such a thrill ... it gave me goosebumps when I heard that Irene was doing that ... I thought that it was going to be five or six years before the first one was funded. I'm just thrilled that it was one of our board members who stepped up to the plate to do this."

This is just the beginning of the Washington Scholars Program. The Alumni Board hopes to have at least 12 Washington Scholarships, with one each year in the beginning and a minimum of three each year in the future, says Terrie. But, she adds, if the funding becomes available, they won't limit the number of scholarships to a dozen.

"The more students we can offer that kind of scholarship to — and that kind of prestige, too, I think — the better," she says. "It will be helpful to the College in terms of recruiting the very best students that we can get."

Antoinette R. Parker is the assistant director of publications at MWC.

MWC's first Washington Scholar, Christopher MacDonald (right), his mother Virginia MacDonald (left) and Irene Lundy Brown '39

Meet the First Washington Scholar

BY ANTOINETTE R. PARKER

Although he plans to major in studio art at MWC, Chris MacDonald readily admits that he doesn't really have a favorite artist — yet.

At 18 years of age, he's just taking it all in, forming his opinions about things, and deciding his likes and dislikes. He sees these next four years as an opportunity to underscore his views, at least in part, with the knowledge attained from an MWC education.

Chris says even the application process for the Washington Scholarship, which included an interview with several MWC representatives, was a learning experience.

"The entire process was basically good because it was an introduction to doing things on my own," he explains. "I've done things on my own before, but this was a project that I dealt with and went through, and I ended up being successful with it. That was a really good feeling."

A Fredericksburg resident, Chris graduated from Chancellor High School with a 4.296 grade point average, having taken some advanced courses, which are weighted on a five-point scale. Not only an excellent student, he also excelled at several extracurricular activities. An active athlete, Chris participated in a community soccer league for several years and has recently taken up the martial art of tae kwon do. He also plays the piano, and has won a gold cup award for three superior ratings from the National Federation of Music Clubs.

Although his interests are diverse, Chris has no problem deciding his favorite: art. He became interested in 3-D-modeling in middle school when his family bought a video card for their computer, which came with a basic sculpting program. He toyed around with the program, learning how to use the various tools to create characters on the computer screen. As he pushed the limits of the software's capabilities, he purchased more advanced programs and honed his design skills. He hopes to one day become a professional 3-D model animator, working to create characters similar to those in the movies "Who Framed Roger Rabbit?" and "Stewart Little."

But Chris isn't rushing things. He's looking forward to these next four years at MWC as a time for personal development. He says that being the first Washington Scholar is an honor and that he feels he has a precedent to set for future program participants.

"I'd like to do something that stands out — that basically sets me apart from the next guy," he says. "Everybody's going to have their accomplishments in college, and I just want to have mine. Hopefully it will be worthy of what people expect."

ALUMNI EXECUTIVE CENTER CAMPAIGN

Off to an Impressive Start

A campaign is underway to raise funds for construction of a new Alumni Executive Center. At the June meeting of the Alumni Executive Center Campaign Committee, Betsy Smith Hughes '51, campaign co-chair, proudly announced that an additional $250,000 had been pledged for the Alumni Executive Center Campaign in response to the $2 million challenge gift from Alice Andrews Jepson '64 and her husband, Robert S. Jepson Jr.

Mrs. Hughes commended donors for supporting the campaign and for setting an early example of leadership giving. She noted that "leadership gifts" will be the backbone of the campaign and the key to successful fund raising at Mary Washington College. As of the printing of this magazine, the grand total raised has grown to more than $2.5 million!

What is a "leadership gift"? In the context of the Alumni Executive Center Campaign, a leadership gift is a pledge of $10,000 or more. Leadership gifts are rarely paid "upfront" or at the time the pledge is made. Most donors prefer to fulfill their commitment over a period of years, as many as five years if necessary. Spreading the payments out over several years is not only convenient for the donor, but may make it possible for a person to make a larger gift to the campaign and possibly increase the tax benefit.

Are pledges always fulfilled with cash? No. In fact, many pledges are made through gifts of stock, real estate, or through planned-giving vehicles, such as gift annuities or trusts. According to Jeff W. Rountree '91, vice president for college development, a gift of stock or other securities is the most common way to fulfill a leadership pledge. "We are now receiving stock gifts at Mary Washington College like never before. The stock market has performed at historic levels over the past few years, and many MWC supporters have found themselves holding large amounts of highly appreciated stock. A gift of that stock can often benefit the donor by providing both an income tax deduction and avoidance of the capital gains tax. By working discreetly with these donors, the Office of College Development can often help create a beneficial tax solution so that supporters feel most positive about their investment in the future of the College."

One of the most exciting aspects of making a leadership gift to the Alumni Executive Center Campaign is the "naming opportunity" that a donor receives. Although some donors prefer to remain anonymous, a leadership gift entitles the donor to name a room or space in the new center in honor or memory of an individual, group or class. Here are a few examples of rooms that can be named: banquet hall, reception gallery, formal living room, presidential bedroom suite.

Campaign Co-Chair Charlotte Major Minor '66 was one of the first supporters to make a leadership gift. She said, "My husband and I knew that the Alumni Executive Center was going to be a special project for all alumni and friends of the College, and we wanted to name a room in the Center. Not only do we feel great about our commitment, but we will have our own special place in the Alumni Executive Center that will be meaningful for us."

For more information on leadership gifts or other ways that you can join the Alumni Executive Center Campaign, contact the Office of College Development at (540) 654-1024.

As of Sept. 1, 2000, the following individuals have made leadership gifts ($10,000 or more) to the Alumni Executive Center Campaign:

John and Mona Davis Albertine '71

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Gilmer and Charlotte Major Minor '66**

Robert and Nina Russell Randolph '67

James and Patricia Branstetter Revere '63

Jeff W. Rountree '91

*Campaign Chair
**Campaign Co-Chair

Scheduled to open in spring 2004, the AEC will include renovation of the Trench Hill house into overnight guest quarters for alumni and special guests of the College. A large wing will be constructed onto the new guest house and will include a banquet hall, reception gallery, executive board room, and conference facilities for alumni, corporate and social functions.

COMMENCEMENT 2000

BY JONI D. WILSON '00

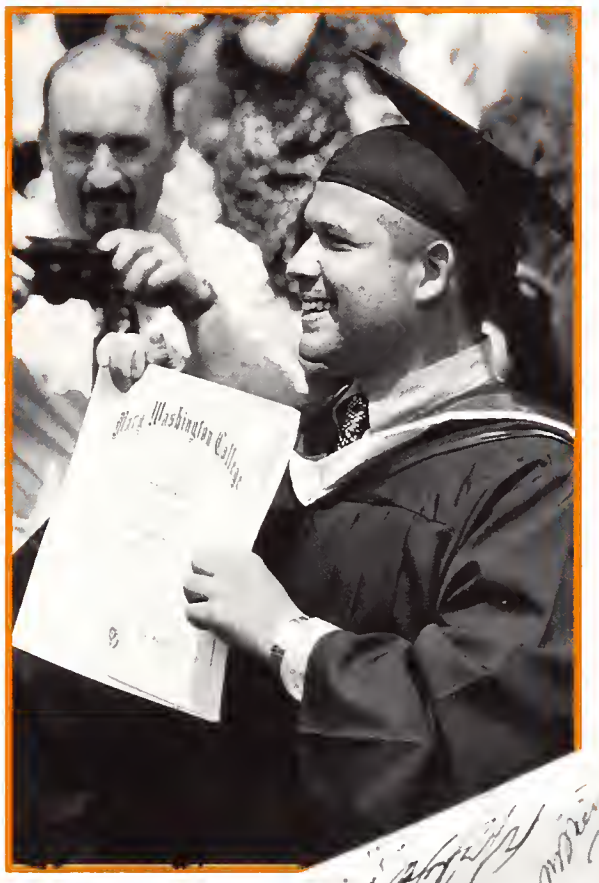
Rituals bind individuals together. There are those who say that one of the reasons people do not feel a bond with their communities, or even with their families, is because of a lack of rituals in our culture. I do not know the answer to why our society does not always feel strong connections. What I do know is that the ritual of Commencement created a bond between me, my classmates, and others, that I have not felt before.

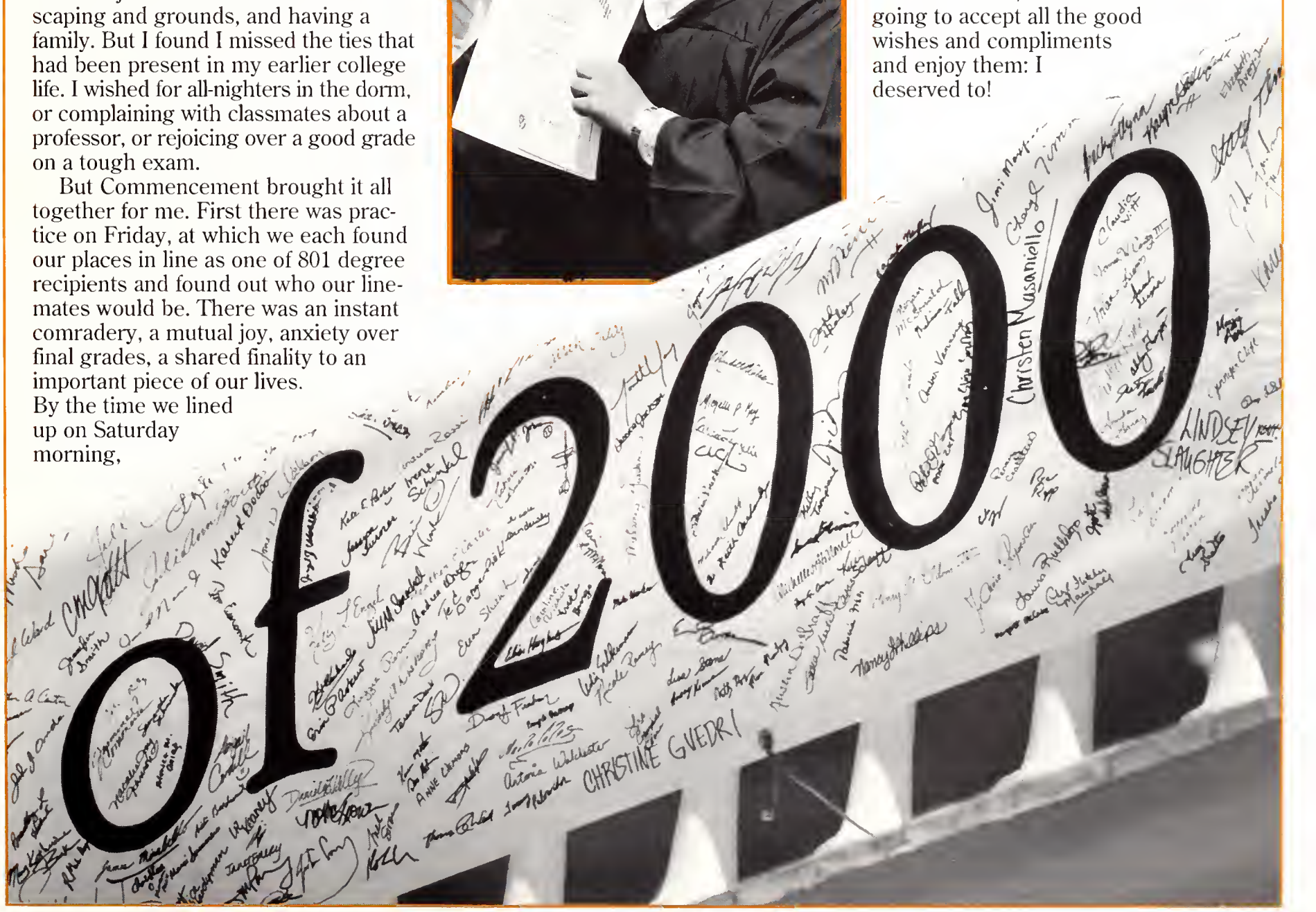
Being a non-traditional student and taking classes part time is not conducive to creating a connection. I did not go to dances, club meetings or other student activities. I was busy holding down a full-time job as MWC's director of landscaping and grounds, and having a family. But I found I missed the ties that had been present in my earlier college life. I wished for all-nighters in the dorm, or complaining with classmates about a professor, or rejoicing over a good grade on a tough exam.

But Commencement brought it all together for me. First there was practice on Friday, at which we each found our places in line as one of 801 degree recipients and found out who our linemates would be. There was an instant comradery, a mutual joy, anxiety over final grades, a shared finality to an important piece of our lives. By the time we lined up on Saturday morning, May 13, I felt a friendship with the folks on either side of me in the line. It felt good to belong.

An unexpected part of my experience was the sense of pride that my co-workers and friends displayed and transferred to me. I had been proud of my accomplishment but had downplayed it, thinking others might wonder why it had taken me nine years to complete my degree. But what they expressed — and I felt — was their pride in my sticking with it and their acknowledgement of my sacrifice (not to mention my family's!) of personal "free" time given over to study for all those years. It made a difference to me that people viewed my graduation in this manner. It increased my own pride in my accomplishment. And it helped me overcome a personal obstacle, my inability to accept praise graciously.

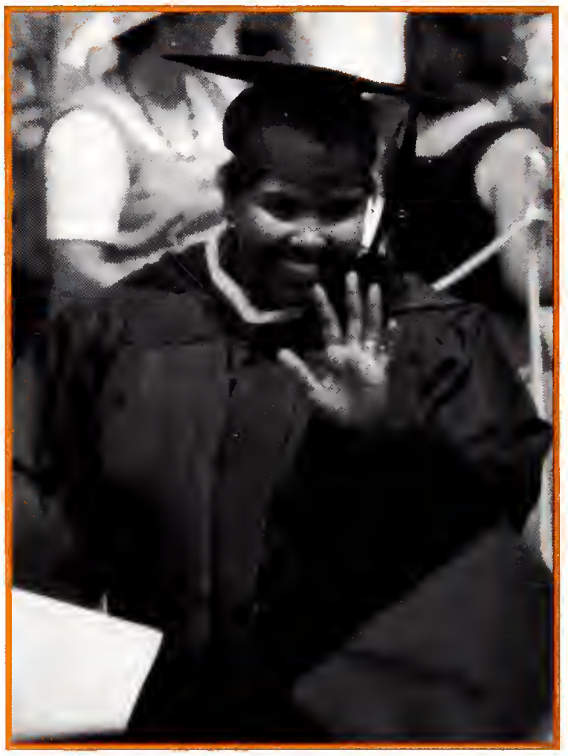
As people on campus found out that I was graduating, and as the idea really dawned on me, I decided that I was going to accept all the good wishes and compliments and enjoy them: I deserved to!





COMMENCEMENT 2006

"...a life lived only for one's self-satisfaction or gratification is not a life well lived, nor a happy one. If there are not others who rejoice in your achievements or successes, you will never feel the true elation that comes with success."



"I hope this new chapter — and all the chapters of your life — will be filled with happiness, and a sense of satisfaction that your life represents something of value to someone other than yourself."

"The Founding Fathers did not just exhort young people to behave in a virtuous manner during their college years, they recognized the importance of colleges and universities themselves in shaping the character of their students."

Dr. Anderson, in his usual kidding manner, dropped hints in the days leading up to graduation, mentioning he had something special in store for me. I was not sure if the joke was that I should be worried up until the end of the ceremony or that he actually was up to something. During practice, my co-workers replaced my folding chair in Ball Circle with my office chair, which was almost aloft with balloons. It was fun, and I enjoyed the curiosity of my fellow graduates. I felt special.

Now, I have worked at MWC for almost 15 years and have been through 14 previous graduations, but nothing to compare with this one. The perspective was definitely different. It was very hot that day, even early when we first lined up and were downing OJ and coffee. Most of the folks I was around were not nervous, just excited and actually a little worried about how hot it was going to be. As the music started and we began the line of march, the excitement rose; I felt almost giddy. For me, the ceremony began on the way to Ball Circle, as the processional advanced through the double lines of faculty on Campus Walk. I had helped with this lineup for 14 years; I knew all about it. But it was different today. These were people who had been on this journey with me, as my educators, mentors and friends. I was filled with great pride in them and in myself, as I walked through. Some called out, others gave hugs and high-fives; some just smiled. It was a great reward, and having them all together again increased the bond I was feeling.

The Honorable Herbert H. Bateman, member of the United States House of Representatives, delivered the address — at the College's 89th Commencement — and challenged us to help others, stressing that "A life lived only for one's self-satisfaction or gratification is not a life well lived, nor a happy one."

I have to admit that about halfway through the Commencement ceremony, the heat became my main focus — that and getting water. But as row after row of classmates crossed the stage and my turn approached, the excitement returned. And so did my concern over Dr. A's promise. What was he up to, I wondered. As I approached the stage and greeted my family on the sidelines, I was bursting with anticipation, and pictures later proved my smile could not have been wider. There was much applause when my name was called, and tears sprang to my eyes. Dr. A. was the last person we graduates greeted as we crossed the stage. He handed me a large package wrapped in school colors, gave me a big hug, and whispered he wanted to be sure I did not forget him.

From left: MWC President William M. Anderson Jr., the Honorable Herbert H. Bateman, out-going Rector of the Board of Visitors Paul A. Dresser Jr.

We regretfully report that The Honorable Herbert H. Batemen died Monday, September 11, 2000. The words under the photos are taken from his Commencement Address to our graduates.

"The school from which you are about to graduate is located in one of the most important areas in the history of our nation. … The individuals who hailed from this area were among the principal leaders who pledged their lives, fortune, and sacred honor for our liberty and then shaped this democratic republic dedicated to liberty under law."

"As you go out to make your mark in the world, those who have nurtured you — your parents, your grandparents, your teachers, your professors — all wish you great success, and the achievement of a happy and satisfying life."

"Character is the all important quality that makes a smart person a good person, and an educated nation a good nation. Indeed, the institutions of our democracy presuppose a virtuous and knowledgeable citizenry. Our Founding Founders believed that education without character is incomplete."

I am sure some have wondered what was in the package. It was a wonderful poster describing varieties of crape myrtle. Crape myrtles are the central theme in a long-running joke between us. This poster may be instrumental in changing the campus landscape, as Dr. A. loves this flowering tree.

The closeness I was feeling as the ceremony concluded was not limited to classmates or to faculty that had taught me. I felt a bond and pride in all those who earned a diploma and all those who received awards. The Grellet C. Simpson Award went to Dr. J. William Kemp; Outstanding Young Faculty went to Dr. Kelli M. Slunt; and the Mary W. Pinschmidt Teaching Award went to Dr. Werner Wieland. A new award was given to Marjorie "Midge" Poyck — the Washington Medallion. This award was in recognition of her extraordinary service to the College. I have worked with Midge my entire career at MWC and felt a special gladness not only because of our shared experience here but because she also had earned an MALS degree from MWC while working full time at the College. Student Kristin Buck '00 was honored not only with the Colgate W. Darden, Jr. Award for the highest cumulative grade point average, but she also received the MWC Alumni Award.

The heat was forgotten; I was proud. I belonged to this prestigious group.

Joni D. Wilson '00 is MWC's director of landscape and grounds.

Joni D. Wilson '00, the article's author

"As you enter this new phase of your life and the new opportunities and challenges that face you, I hope you will remember the medieval concept of noblesse oblige — 'to those whom much is given, of them much is expected.'"

From left to right: Joanna L. Reynolds, Steven L. Czarsty, Diane F. Hatch and Roger J. Bourdon. Not pictured: Paul M. Zisman

Faculty Emeriti

Faculty members who have served Mary Washington College for at least 15 years and who have attained the rank of professor or associate professor are eligible upon retirement to be considered for emeritus status. This honor, by action of the Board of Visitors, was bestowed this year upon five distinguished members of the faculty.

Roger J. Bourdon, professor of history, came to teach at Mary Washington College in 1968. Not only was he responsible for the department's offerings in the broad and important area of early American history, but he taught courses on the American Indian, the frontier, and utopian communities. The excellence of his teaching was recognized in 1989 when he received the Grellet C. Simpson Award. His contributions to the College will continue through the Computer Access Center for the Visually Impaired, which he established to assist students who, like him, have special needs in meeting the challenges presented by impaired vision.

Steven L. Czarsty, professor of business administration, joined the Mary Washington faculty in 1978. He was instrumental in creating the Department of Business Administration and served as its chair from 1979 to 1987. He was director of the Master's of Business Administration program from 1980 to 1987. In addition to serving the College through his work on numerous committees, he has been extensively involved in community affairs, including Fredericksburg's Medicorp Health System and the Family Motorcoach Association Governing Board.

Diane F. Hatch, professor of classics, joined the Mary Washington College faculty to teach classics in 1966. Extensively involved in College activities throughout the ensuing 34 years, she was, above all, dedicated to teaching and to her students. Numbered among her former students are five college teachers and an untold number of high-school Latin teachers. Co-author, together with Elizabeth A. Clark, of *The Golden Bough, The Oaken Cross: The Vergilian Cento of Faltonia Betitia Proba*, Dr. Hatch has been described by one of her colleagues as "an exacting scholar of distinctive precision and poise, whose knowledge of Latin and Greek is still and deep and whose contribution to Mary Washington College is inestimable."

Joanna L. Reynolds, associate professor of Spanish, has been a member of the Mary Washington College faculty since 1968, teaching both Spanish and French. In addition to extensive teaching assignments, she was heavily involved in College governance activities and was instrumental in the development and promotion of the Writing Intensive Program. She served with distinction as chair of the Modern Foreign Languages Department during a demanding six-year period that was characterized by change and transition. Amidst all such activities, her primary devotion was always to teaching, and her extraordinary skill in the practice of her profession was recognized when she received the Grellet C. Simpson Award in 1988.

Paul M. Zisman, professor of education, came to Mary Washington College in 1971 and has since taught many courses offered by the Education Department, specializing in ethical studies and instructional technology. He was instrumental in securing support for the Upward Bound Program and the James Farmer Scholars Program and sponsored several student organizations, including the Polemic, the Asian Student Association, and Amnesty International. He was also active in the Leidecker Center for Asian Studies and the MWC Chapter of the AAUP. A frequent contributor to professional journals and meetings of scholarly associations, Dr. Zisman included multicultural education and aesthetic psychology among his primary research interests.

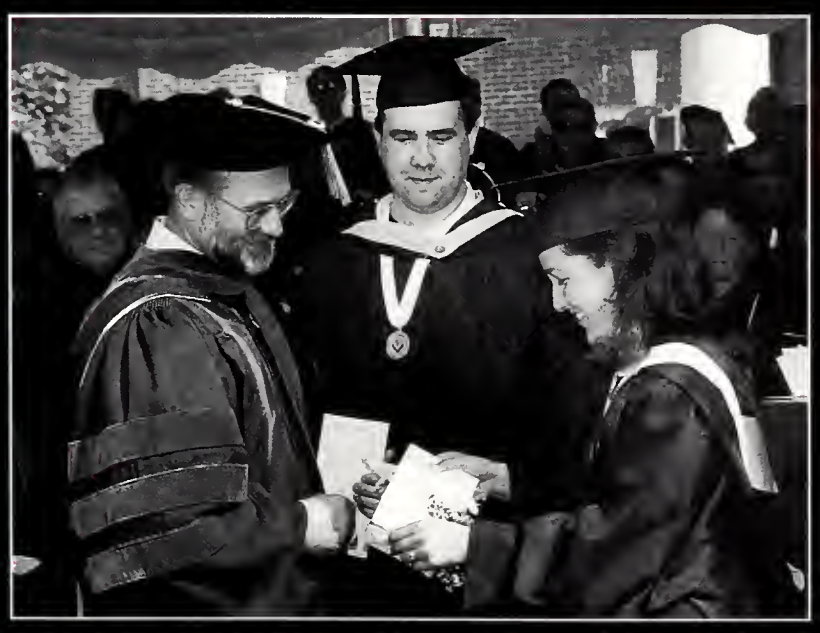
AWARDS COMMENCEMENT

J. William Kemp Jr.

Kelli Miller Slunt '91

Marjorie Meredith Poyck '66

Kristin Marie Buck '00



From left to right: Werner Wieland; James Reagan, Honor Council president; Maylian Pak, Student Government Association president

BY MARY RANDOLPH NICHOLS CORBIN '71

The most important function of the College is to provide instruction of the highest quality, enabling students to develop the skills and abilities necessary for life-long learning and useful, creative lives. At the heart of this pursuit of academic excellence is the dynamic Mary Washington College faculty. Each year at the Commencement ceremony, several of these individuals are recognized with special awards.

One of the highest honors the College bestows, the Grellet C. Simpson Award is presented annually to a faculty member identified by students, alumni, and faculty colleagues as a supremely gifted and dedicated teacher. This year, Professor of English J. William Kemp Jr. was honored for 30 remarkable years at Mary Washington College, during which time he dazzled, charmed, and challenged students and colleagues alike with his brilliance, theatricality and wit.

The Alumni Association Outstanding Young Faculty Award, established in 1989, recognizes a faculty member who has come to the College within the past five years, and rapidly moved to the very front rank among all the faculty as a teacher, scholar and contributor to the life and work of the College community and beyond, demonstrating not only great promise, but genuine accomplishment. This year's recipient was Assistant Professor of Chemistry Kelli Miller Slunt '91, who graduated from Mary Washington just nine years ago. Students and faculty colleagues describe Dr. Slunt as a clear and well-organized teacher of a notoriously difficult subject — endlessly patient, understanding, encouraging, and generous with her time and personal attention.

The Washington Medallion is a new award designed to recognize extraordinary service to the College. The first recipient was Marjorie Meredith Poyck '66, a Mary Washington College alumna who has served as the executive vice president and chief financial officer, as well as acting president during a portion of the 1996-97 academic year. To commemorate her retirement in June, the award was presented during Commencement as a tangible manifestation of the College's appreciation for her positive and indelible contributions to the institution.

As the senior having the highest cumulative grade point average, Kristin Marie Buck received the Colgate W. Darden, Jr. Award for academic achievement. She also received the MWC Alumni Award for her academic excellence, service to the College, and demonstrated leadership. (See article on Ms. Buck on p. 21.)

The graduates are asked each year to select the professor whom they are most likely to remember as the one who had the greatest impact on their lives. This year they chose Werner Wieland, professor of biological sciences, for the Mary W. Pinschimdt Teaching Award.

Mary Randolph Nichols Corbin '71 is executive assistant to the president at MWC.

Meta Braymer

BY ANNA BARRON BILLINGSLEY

The semester would begin in six weeks, and Meta Braymer had just added a new course to the term's line-up. A faculty member was astounded. It takes months to get curriculum approved, he told her.

But Braymer is a navigator of uncharted academic territory. As the head of Mary Washington College's new Stafford campus, the James Monroe Center for Graduate and Professional Studies, she can't afford to let ideas languish. Eager to meet the demands of students and area employers, Braymer is helping develop timely, cutting-edge courses. Polished and professional, she's seizing every promising opportunity.

Originally, however, trailblazing and risk-taking, weren't even in the vocabulary of this shy Southern scholar of English literature.

Growing up in tiny Olive Branch, Miss., Braymer never dreamed she'd be a college dean five decades later. A self-described "country girl," she said she would have been content to stay at home and take classes at the local junior college. Her dad was a Presbyterian pastor and her mom a home demonstration agent. "I was so shy and lacked self-confidence," Braymer said in an interview. "I had to be pushed out of the nest."

But once she recovered from the shock of being away from home and after her initial post-graduation job at the local Holiday Inn, Braymer's horizons broadened. She and her husband, John, whom she had met as an undergraduate at Maryville College in east Tennessee, went together to the University of Tennessee, where they each earned a doctorate in English.

They eventually ended up in Richmond, where Meta got an administrative job at Virginia Commonwealth University working with adult students. "I helped them get back on track with their education," she said. "It was a lot more rewarding than teaching freshman English."

It took John's prodding for Meta to take another foray out of the nest. He had clipped and posted on the refrigerator an ad from the Richmond newspaper for a position as a director of continuing education at Mary Washington College.

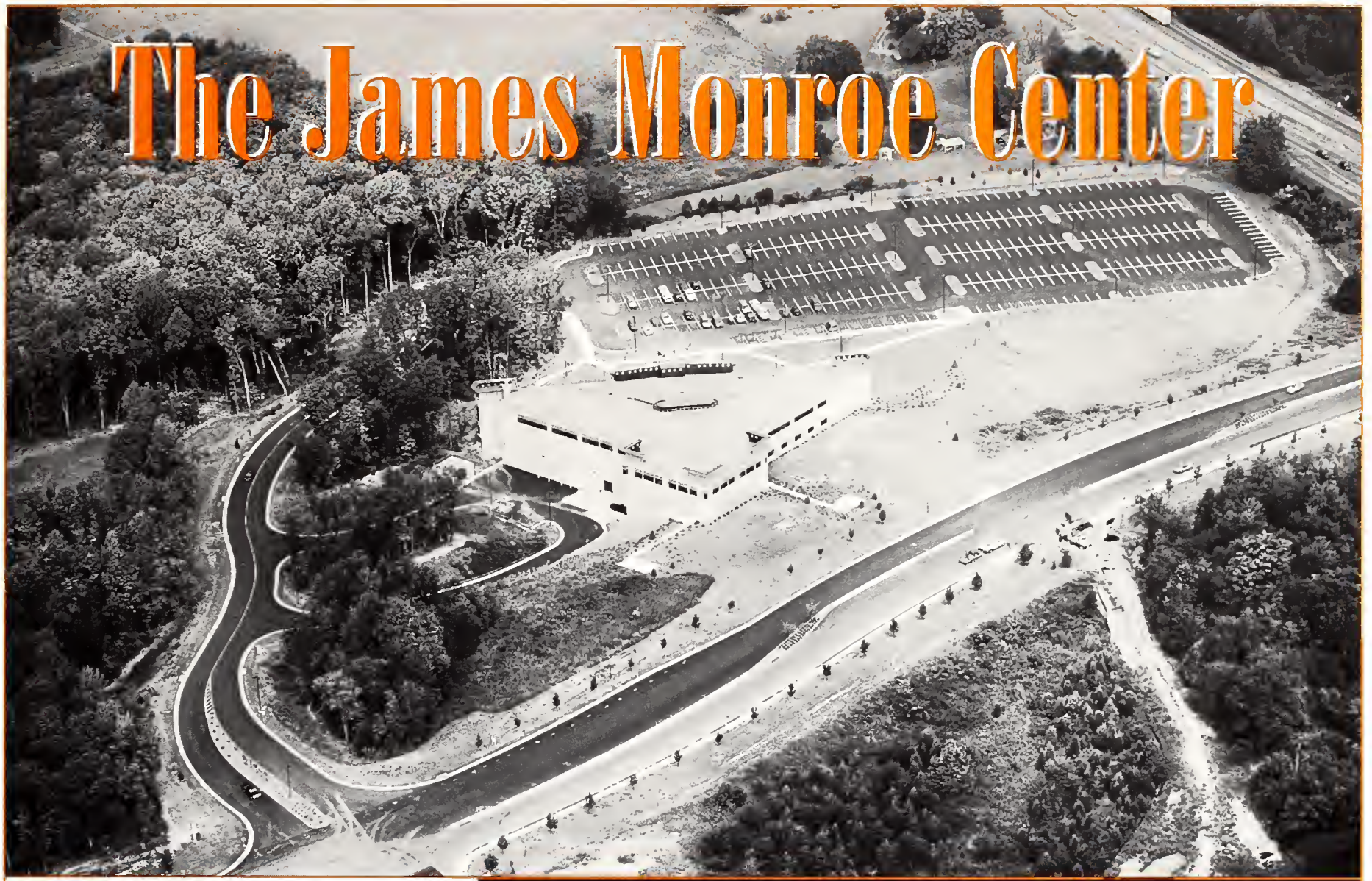
The ad kept beckoning her, she said: "Meta Braymer, this is your job."

She finally gave in. She took the job, but her family didn't move from Richmond. Many miles and meetings later, she has no regrets. Once she left her nest, Braymer soared. During the decade she has been at Mary Washington, her main focus has been on designing programs and courses that will help others take flight.

She oversaw development of the Stafford campus from the time the land was donated in 1990 through the enrollment of the first students last fall. She now serves as the College's vice president for graduate and professional studies and dean of the James Monroe Center faculty.

"It's thrilling ... to see the excitement, energy and enthusiasm here," she said. "Sometimes I just go stand outside and watch the students come in."

After spending much of her life forcing herself to be more outgoing, Braymer said she now feels very self-confident. She has lived up to the assessment



of Southern writer Reynolds Price: "Southern women are Mack trucks disguised as powder puffs."

As Braymer put it, "You have to be assertive and speak up or your position may never be heard."

Such sage advice is dispensed through much of the curriculum at the James Monroe Center. "Leadership programming is one of the most important things we do," Braymer said, noting that nearly 1,200 adult students took classes through the Center the first semester it was open.

Braymer's leadership abilities extend beyond the campus. She is on the board of directors of the Virginia Foundation for Women and chaired its first State Summit for Women. She also is on the executive committee of The Virginia Network, which is sponsored by the American Council on Education's Office of Women. Realizing a need for leadership skills training for female managers, Braymer helped develop the annual Virginia Leadership Colloquium for Women.

"She's a real advocate for women," said Marjorie Poyck, MWC's former executive vice president. "She's been helping women believe in themselves and do whatever they can do to get ahead."

Similarly, Braymer has been doing whatever it takes to get new courses into the James Monroe Center curriculum. "We have to work fast to meet the needs," she said.

For instance, to help curb the shortage of teachers in Virginia, the James Monroe Center offers a licensure program in education. Businesses concerned about computer hacking have clamored for electronic security specialists, so the Center has begun offering a graduate certificate in information security. And, to the applause of many local students and executives, Mary Washington's MBA program has been revived there.

Mary Washington College President William M. Anderson Jr. said Braymer has spearheaded "some of the quickest turnarounds in ideas" he's ever witnessed. She has "the perfect background" for a job in which change is the operative word, he said, describing Braymer as "a real people person and a great leader who inspires people."

John Reynolds, a computer science professor who was on the committee that hired Braymer, said she displays "exuberance tempered by hope."

He also said he has enjoyed meetings Braymer has organized because they "always involve food." Braymer, who spends two hours on the road each weekday, said she doesn't have time for many hobbies. However, in addition to reading, she does enjoy planning and cooking gourmet meals.

She and her husband, CEO of the Virginia Center for Architecture, have one daughter, Meredith, who is beginning her freshman year at Vassar College.

What's the next step for Braymer, now that she has launched a new campus? Is she ready to be nudged from the nest again?

"I thought I'd get this done and move on," she said. "But I'm having too much fun … I am reinvigorated."

Anna Barron Billingsley, a Fredericksburg-based free-lance writer, serves as an adjunct professor of journalism in the Department of English at Mary Washington College. She is a former editor with The Free Lance-Star *in Fredericksburg and the* Richmond Times-Dispatch.

HALL OF FAME

BY CLINT OFTEN

Three former Mary Washington College athletes have been voted into the MWC Athletic Hall of Fame. Former men's soccer standouts Shane Shackford '91 and Scott Karr '90, as well as runner Peggy McKelvey Taylor '88, will be inducted into the Hall of Fame at a dinner during Homecoming 2000.

Shackford, a three-time first team All-America selection, led the MWC men's soccer team to three NCAA Tournament appearances in his four-year career. His accolades include three VISA State Player of the Year awards, and four All-South Atlantic Region honors as well. Shackford owned both the season (17) and career (46) assists records at MWC upon graduation. Shackford graduated from MWC in 1991 with a psychology degree. He is currently a school psychologist at West Windsor Plainsboro High School in New Jersey, and is working toward a doctorate in psychology from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. He is married to Julie Cunningham Shackford.

Karr, the leading defender on Coach Roy Gordon's soccer teams from 1986-89, earned first team Academic All-America honors in 1989, as well as All-Region honors on the field. Like Shackford, Karr played in three NCAA Tournaments, and was named all-state in 1989. Karr was also MWC's Male Scholar Athlete of the Year for 1989-90 and graduated with a degree in English from MWC in 1990. He received a master of arts degree in English from William & Mary in 1993, and is completing a Ph.D. dissertation at the University of Virginia. He is currently employed as senior researcher in charge of principal gifts at the University of Virginia Office of Development. He is married to Robin Cunningham Karr, and has a 1-year-old daughter, Eleanor Louis Karr.

McKelvey, a four-year member of both the cross country and track and field teams, was MWC's first cross country All-America selection, and was a four-time All-Region runner as well. In track and field, she was named All-ECAC in both 1987 and 1988. McKelvey, who graduated from MWC in 1988 with a degree in sociology, is married to Dr. Kenneth Taylor, U.S. Army, and has a 4-year-old daughter, Danielle, and a 2-year-old-son, Zachary. She has been employed at the patent and trademark office, and is currently a homemaker.

Clint Often is MWC's sports information director.

NOMINATION FORM

(NOTE: If nominating a former varsity athlete, nominee must have graduated from Mary Washington College no later than 1991, or if a coach, administrator, etc., must have served an extensive length of time at the College. You may not nominate yourself for the Hall of Fame.)

Please type or print clearly!

Name of nominee:_____ Class:_____

Varsity sport(s):_____

Reason(s) for nomination:_____

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Submitted by:_____

Relationship to nominee (teammate, fan, coach, etc.):_____

Address and/or phone number of nominee (if you know it):_____

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YOUR address and phone number:_____

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MAIL TO: Sports Hall of Fame Committee, c/o Sports Information Office, Mary Washington College, 1301 College Ave., Fredericksburg, VA 22401-5358

NOTE: All nominees will be notified by mail that they are under consideration for the Hall of Fame, and will be asked to fill out a complete biographical form at that time for further consideration.

Darden Award-Winner Paints an Impression on MWC

BY ANTOINETTE R. PARKER

Sitting on an over-stuffed couch in Mason Hall, Kristin Marie Buck '00, with splotches of beige paint splattered across her clothes and shoes and drying on her small hands, is talking about the differences between physical chemistry, which, she says, concerns finding mathematical descriptions for chemical processes to predict the behaviors of molecules, and biochemistry, which deals with organic matter. She also talks about the work she did on "protein isoprenylation in Leishmania chagasi," with Dr. Kelli Slunt in the chemistry department.

She says that Leishmania chagasi is a parasite found in sand flies, primarily in tropical countries, which causes a fatal disease. She then explains that she was working with Dr. Slunt to find a better treatment for the disease because the current one involves injecting infected persons with a series of shots containing an element that is "about as toxic as lead."

Kristy sits there, chatting away, rubbing rolls of the now-dry paint from her hands. For the past five years, she has been a member of the student paint crew, helping to remove nails from walls and doors, patch holes and cracks in walls, and then paint dorm rooms during summer recesses. The mission of the 12 member crew of students is to paint every dorm and bathroom on campus; Kristy has painted several dorms twice, since MWC maintains a four-year cycle.

She was also a chemistry and physics major, and in May, she was named the recipient of the Colgate W. Darden, Jr. award for being the graduating senior with the highest cumulative grade point average at MWC.

Also the recipient of this year's MWC Alumni Award, this dynamic scholar has painted an impression on many a person since she's been at the College.

Just ask Milton Kline, lead of the MWC paint crew. He says the first week Kristy started working for the student crew, she impressed him by doing everything that he told her to do with enthusiasm — even sweeping a bathroom. The next month, Kristy was promoted and received a pay raise.

As the shy young supervisor's confidence grew, she began making suggestions on how to improve the structure and organization of the students' jobs. Over time, Kline says, Kristy helped to facilitate the way the student paint crew worked. As a result, he adds, the group is a tremendous success, and a wonderful asset for Facilities Services.

Kline learned that Kristy's strong work ethic was due, at least in part, to an uncommon educational background. Kristy was home-schooled from the fourth grade to the completion of high school. Her mother taught her most subjects, but beginning in the eighth grade, Kristy also played a part in her own education, using books specifically created for home-schooled students to teach herself science and other math-related subjects.

Kristin Marie Buck '00

Ameeta Vashee, assistant dean of the James Farmer Multicultural Center, says she was amazed when she heard that Kristy had taught herself physics.

"I asked her how she could do that, and I will never forget her reply," says Ms. Vashee. "She said, 'Once you can read, you can teach yourself anything.'"

A dynamic individual, Kristy has interesting hobbies and extracurricular activities. She has been a Civil War re-enactor for about 12 years. While at MWC, she was on the synchronized swimming team, winning the distinction of being named a United States Synchronized Swimming Association Academic All-American for the past three years.

Kristy has also found ways to use her talents for everyday tasks. For instance, she used the knowledge she gained from working as a member of the paint crew to help replaster the walls of the church she attends. She also uses her skills as a seamstress to sew her own clothes. "I don't even own a store-bought dress," she adds. She also likes to garden — her family grows green beans in the front yard!

This fall, Kristy is a first-year graduate student at U.Va., where she is working toward a Ph.D. in physical chemistry with the goal of teaching at the college level.

Meanwhile, back at MWC, her presence is greatly missed.

"It's going to take four people to replace her on the student paint crew," Kline says.

April-May

The Museum Design Lab of Mary Washington College's Department of Historic Preservation unveiled their exhibit of Hanover County history, "Window to the Past, Vision for the Future," at a reception in the Trinkle Hall Rotunda. The exhibit then traveled to the Montpelier Center for the Arts and Education in Hanover County. The Museum Design Lab, in conjunction with the Preservation Toolbox Committee of Hanover County, created the 10-panel traveling exhibit to educate people, especially children, about the rich heritage of the county. The display was a semester-long project of seven MWC historic preservation students...."The President's Own" U.S. Marine Band performed at the College on May 20 in Dodd Auditorium. The unique mission of the U.S. Marine Band, established by a 1798 Act of Congress, is to provide music for the President of the United States and the Commandant of the Marine Corps. The Marine Band performs at the White House more than 200 times each year and participates in more than 500 public and official performances... The Mary Washington College Jazz Ensemble held its spring concert in Dodd Auditorium. Under the direction of adjunct faculty member Doug Gatley, the Mary Washington College Jazz Ensemble performed a diverse collection of jazz pieces...The Friends of the Mary Washington College-Community Symphony Orchestra hosted "Fiddlestix," a classical musical series for young children. The program, titled "Old Sounds vs. New Sounds, What Makes the Difference," was presented in Lee Hall Ballroom. Participants in the program learned about the differences between 18th and 20th-century music. A group of student musicians from the College performed several selections, including "Quartet for Flute and Strings" by Mozart and "Abendkonzert" by Pioner Musiktag ...The first Mary Washington College Jazz Festival was held, featuring the Mary Washington College Jazz Ensemble and the U.S. Army Blues from Washington, D.C. In addition, professional artists conducted workshops and clinics for high-school jazz groups... Several self-portraits and images of women painting, by Phyllis Ridderhof Martin, were on display in the Mary Washington College Galleries in the exhibition "Caught in the Act: Portraits of the Artist at Work," by Phyllis Ridderhof Martin...The Faculty Academy 2000 theme, "Assessing Student's Technology Skills," provided a general framework for the sessions and wonderful opportunities for lively discussions, hands-on learning and informative presentations during its two-and-a-half day program.

Devil-Goat Day

With the scent of popcorn wafting through the air and tufts of pastel-colored cotton candy floating around, MWC students congregated in Ball Circle to continue the festive tradition of Devil-Goat Day, held in April. The annual event featured several opportunities for getting together with friends and having competitive fun. Students challenged each other on an inflatable obstacle course, and played "bouncy boxing," putting on enormous boxing gloves and battling it out in a temporary ring. Along with other activities, some took advantage of the chance to scale an enormous, cone-shaped climbing wall, which sat prominently in the middle of the Circle.

The event was coordinated by Class Council, and was planned by the freshman class officers. Paige Golden, current sophomore class president and last year's freshman class president, said they were very pleased with the large turnout.

"The event seemed to be a huge success, and I only hope that next year's event will run as smoothly," she said.

Thanks a Million!

BY DOROTHY OGBURN WOOD '92

The 1999-2000 fiscal year was the most successful in the history of the Annual Fund! The outstanding response of alumni, parents, and friends of the College to *Arrington II: The Next Challenge*, presented by Arabelle Laws Arrington '41, was incredible. The Annual Fund achieved its goal for *The Next Challenge* and surpassed the $1 million mark in unrestricted giving!

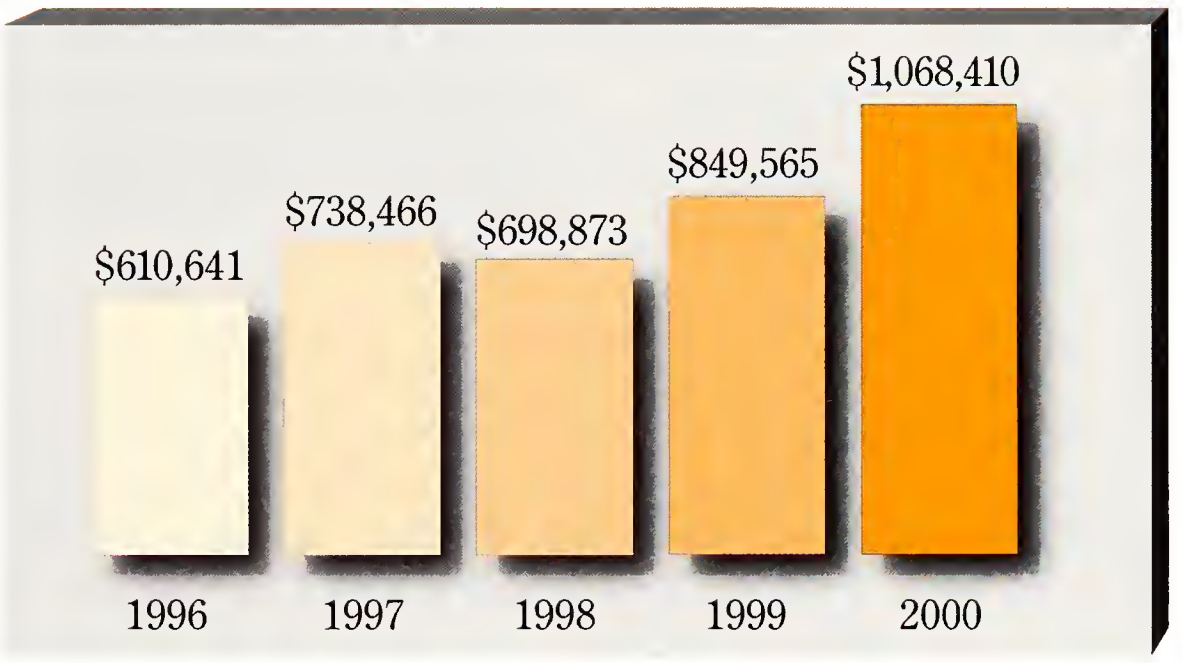
Since the formal establishment of the Annual Fund in 1987, unrestricted giving has grown from $300,000 to its current level of $1 million. Each year, the College depends on unrestricted gifts to help fund the programs and services that have brought MWC national recognition. "The growth of the Annual Fund, especially over the last few years, is a clear indication of the strong support of the College and its programs by alumni, parents and friends," says Ronald E. Singleton, senior vice president for advancement and college relations.

Alumni were inspired by *The Next Challenge*. More than 7,293 MWC alumni made gifts to the College, increasing the participation rate to 35 percent. "I am truly impressed by the dedication of my fellow alumni to Mary Washington College," said Dr. Arrington.

By achieving *The Next Challenge* goal, the College has secured a gift of $250,000 from Dr. Arrington to support student scholarships through the Arrington Scholarship program, which she established in the previous fiscal year. Due to the outstanding success of the challenge, the Annual Fund will match her contribution, increasing the total impact on scholarships for students to $500,000 this year. Dr. Arrington said she is "pleased to see that so many people are committed to making MWC the best that it can be now and in the future."

This year's "challenge" for the Annual Fund will be ensuring that this million-dollar level of support is realized once again. Based on the overwhelming response from alumni, parents and friends this past year, the 2000-2001 Annual Fund is sure to be even more successful. Please contact the Office of Annual Giving at (888) MWC-0004 if you would like more information on supporting the Annual Fund.

Dorothy Ogburn Wood '92 is the director of annual giving at MWC.



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Why is alumni participation in the Annual Fund so important?

- It clearly demonstrates the College's approval rating among alumni and inspires others — including major corporations and foundations — to support MWC.
- It is an important criterion considered by College guides when ranking MWC with other colleges and universities.
- High rankings increase the value and prestige of an MWC diploma.
- Increased alumni participation leads to an increase in support for the Annual Fund.
- Increased support of the Annual Fund provides resources for scholarships and faculty benefits, as well as enhancements that draw and retain extraordinary students and faculty.

Message from the President of the Alumni Association

I am pleased to be president of the Alumni Association at such an exciting time. The College has just admitted an outstanding freshman class of 884 students, selected from more than 4,300 competitive applicants. Approximately 49 percent of the Class of 2004 were in the top 10 percent of their high school graduating class, and the average SAT score exceeded 1200. MWC continues to receive accolades in various publications regarding its competitiveness, academic quality and value in education.

As we settle into the 21st century, the Mary Washington College Alumni Association has much to look forward to. The Washington Scholars Program is close to having three fully funded merit scholarships, and the very first recipient has been selected.

Christopher MacDonald began his studies at MWC this fall. His record is outstanding, and as the first Washington Scholar, he will lead the way for the College to become even more competitive in recruiting the "crème de la crème" of prospective students. (See article on Mr. MacDonald on page 11.)

Some other extremely exciting news involves a tentative time line for the fund-raising campaign and actual construction of the proposed new Alumni Executive Center. As you may recall, Alice Andrews Jepson '64 and her husband, Bob, generously contributed a challenge gift of $2 million. Conceptual plans have been drawn, and they indicate that the future Alumni Executive Center will not only be impressive and aesthetically pleasing, but will function well in serving the needs of both the Alumni Association and the College. We should all be considering what part we might play in supporting the alumni campaign when it is launched in spring 2001.

This past summer, Marjorie Meredith Poyck '66, executive vice president of Mary Washington College, retired. As most of you know, Midge served the College in so many capacities over the years, including serving as its acting president during President Anderson's recovery. She will be missed as an administrator and leader, but we are delighted that she plans to remain active in the Alumni Association and on the Foundation Board. We wish Midge well in her new golfing neighborhood in South Carolina.

Please come visit the campus, support your local chapter events, and the various events at the College. Send in your nominations for alumni awards and the Board of Visitors. We also welcome your suggestions and comments, and don't forget to check us out on the Web site at www.mwc.edu. Those of you with class years ending in "1" or "6", please mark your calendars early for Reunion Weekend, June 1-3, 2001. It is way too much fun to miss!

Patricia Branstetter Revere '63

Devoted to MWC

Annie Patterson Gardner '47 has shown her dedication to Mary Washington College in many ways. She has been an active alumna, frequently participating in the programs offered by the Peninsula Chapter of the MWC Alumni Association. She has regularly come back to campus for Reunion, most recently for her 50th in 1997. Annie also has attended the estate-planning seminars sponsored by the Mary Washington College Foundation.

Now a full-fledged member of the Golden Society, Annie's making the most of her "golden" years. She spends as much time as possible with her two grandchildren, Megan and Trevor. And although her son, Clyde, is now working with her, Annie's still heavily involved with the management of her family business, which she's been running for more than 30 years.

Being the businesswoman that she is, Annie always investigates her options before making a move. Through the College's planned-giving seminars Annie has learned about including the College in her estate plans. She has completed two gift annuities with the College — one which she established in 1995, and a second gift annuity, which she completed in February of this year with a gift of stock. By contacting Valerie Kuramoto, MWC's assistant vice president for development, and discussing options with her, Annie learned that a few more years of age meant a higher percentage rate for her most recent gift annuity, compared to the one she had established just a few years earlier.

If you're interested in establishing a gift annuity with Mary Washington College, or learning when the next estate-planning seminar will be offered, please contact Valerie Schultheiss Kuramoto at (888) 692-0004, or e-mail her at vkuramot@mwc.edu.

Class Notes

1931

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Although the great celebrations of the new millennium have become events of "The Past," we are still amazed at the writing of 2000 for our date. We who were here to witness the celebrations were very fortunate and are ever so grateful.

The millennium brought **Felicia "Jersey" Feinswog** and me together again for our 72nd year as alumnae of MWC. Jersey has received many letters from alumnae who remember her so well. She also received a letter from an MWC alumna whom she taught in Elizabeth, N.J. She sends her love and best wishes to them.

The year 2000 also brought great religious holidays very close. The feast of Passover was on Thursday, and Easter Sunday followed. Felicia invited me to a Seder, which observes a very ancient, colorful, symbolic and significant festival. The festival began with a most edifying, informative, historical background of Passover. This ceremonious beginning of the festival was well-produced by Felicia's good friend Evelyn Riskin and her most organized and knowledgeable committee. This was followed by a most delectable feast, which consisted of delicious food symbolic of the story of Passover. We all enjoyed the entire evening. It was exceptionally informative and enlightening. I do hope that if the opportunity arises, you will attend a Seder.

Easter Sunday brought more celebrations. My family and grandchildren came to visit me from Windham, N.Y., in the Catskill Mountains; Columbus, Ohio; Pittsburgh, Pa.; and Cranford, N.J. Also, I may mention that the millennium brought my 90th birthday. The whole family took me for Easter dinner at Buttonwood Manor in Matawan, N.J., where my late husband and I used to enjoy the Sunday evening desserts.

All the above information is not class notes, but I heard from no one in the Class of '31. However I must thank **Mabel Crismond McGinniss** and **Anne Ratcliffe Webb** for their lovely and welcome Christmas cards. They both know my love for birds, and each always sends me cards with lovely birds as well as timely messages. Surely both of them are still very active and happy.

In previous notes I have inquired about **Margaret "Skinny" Reinhardt McKenry**, who roomed with Felicia and me when we were freshmen. Send me any news concerning her. I will be very much relieved.

For those of you who have a copy of the Mary Washington College directory for the year 1995 — turn to page 405 of the class year listings. You may be surprised to learn that the Class of 1931 listed about 80 graduates. The last report I received, about two years ago, it listed 24 members. If you are one of the 24, please write to me with any news you have.

I can't refrain from reminding you to generously contribute to the College Fund.

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We extend our sympathy to the family of **Page Whitehead Hladky**. She died peacefully in November 1999, while recuperating from the open-heart surgery she had undergone three weeks earlier. Her son, William, sent me a picture of Page and her 5-year-old grandson, Jacob, taken at Christmas 1998. Another son, Stephen, his wife and three grandchildren survive her. Page and I kept in touch throughout the years. We will miss you, Page.

Mary Alice Turman Carper wrote, "Our class members, like my fellow church members, are becoming fewer and fewer in number." Her fourth great-grandchild arrived hale and hearty this past March. She and her sister, **Lillie Turman**, are healthy.

Frances Liebenow Armstrong is planning some extra special events for our 65th reunion. Please try to come! When I first heard of the 2001 reunion, it sounded so long away. Now it seems like it is around the corner. Among the plans for the reunion, but not finalized, will be a visit to the new James Monroe Center for Graduate and Professional Studies, a riding tour of the campus, and a presentation of the proposed Alumni Executive Center. Frances continues to work at the College.

Mary Frances Rowe Varner still enjoys the opportunities that Washington offers — galleries, museums, theaters and especially the Kennedy Center. Her grandson, Emory, plays the viola and is a member of the Wilmington, N.C., Symphony Orchestra. Mary Frances keeps up with MWC news through *The Free Lance-Star* and is always proud of what the school is doing.

Adelle Mansfield Goodwin wrote that after four weeks of miserable bronchitis, she was well enough to have a wonderful 84th birthday party. One day she had lunch with three of her four children. Martha lives in New Jersey.

Edna Harley Sickels continues to send me Christmas cards with cardinals on them. She spoke of cardinals as "your bird." I was in a restaurant/gift shop in April in Hayes, just over the Yorktown bridge, and bought a cardinal postcard and mailed it to Edna.

I also received Christmas cards from **Preston Brown Twigg**, **Lillian Nordstrom Love** and **Vernie Blankinship Knight**.

I know we all appreciate the excellent article about Dr. Alvey that **Stewart Jones** wrote for the Winter 2000 issue of *MWC Today*.

Dorothy McGuire Bunch hopes to join my church's Prime Timers group when we visit the Norfolk Botanical Gardens in June.

I telephoned **Louise Jennings Creamer**, and she said, "Everything is going well."

All my family, except my two oldest grandchildren, were with me for Christmas. Sally was in Spain for three months as part of her junior year at Knox College in Galesburg, Ill. I saw my newest grandchild, Dorothea, for the first time. They are all a joy.

I hope to see you at our 65th reunion next year!

1937

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1939

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Greetings '39ers! A very busy spring has caused me to face another deadline with not one word from my MWC classmates and no time left to make some contacts. However, my life is full with more ups than downs. Here's what I have been doing:

A new job in United Methodist Women as co-vice president keeps me on the phone and attending meetings. My partner and I selected the Bishop's Initiative on Children as the focus for our programs. That task is an upper! As leader of my circle, I work with really devout and dedicated women. None are MWC graduates, but they could have been. Circle leader is an upper, too.

For many years I have worked with the Richmond District Hermitage Guild, and my circle sponsors a fellowship group at the Hermitage. Several members of that group are MWC graduates — another upper.

A wedding in Beaufort, S.C., and a trip south with my brother, John; his wife, Lucretia; and my sister, Mary B., were definitely uppers. Mary B. has had successful open-heart surgery. Helping her during her recovery will require some of my time.

Downers include leaving my new yellow slacks at a motel, loss of some important mail, and a few medical nuisances.

My high-school class celebrated its 65th anniversary since graduation. We had such warm camaraderie — all of us grateful to have lived so long and to have maintained rich friendships and

precious memories. In the department of Can You Believe It: I recently heard a man my age ask for a senior citizen discount!

How do you spend your days? Please drop me a line. I do not want our class notes to disappear from *MWC Today*!

1940

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From **Winnie Hudson Hodgson**:

I believe it's been years since anyone from the Class of '40 has been heard from. Maybe this will start the ball rolling.

Fortunately, Al and I moved to Plymouth Harbor, a high-rise retirement community in Sarasota, eight years ago. Unfortunately, I lost Al last year after almost 57 years of marriage.

John, our older son, is a dean at Princeton U., and Jim, our younger son, is a clinical psychologist in Syracuse. Emily, our oldest grandchild, graduated from Dartmouth summa cum laude and is now in graduate school at Yale. Two grandchildren graduated from high school in June and this fall attend Princeton and Loyola. One grandson is in middle school.

I still participate in activities at my church and at the Asolo Theater, although I am now a board member emerita at the latter. I sponsor a student at the Asolo Conservatory each year. I also funded a scholarship at MWC.

I keep in touch with my freshman roommate, **Mary Estes Irby**, who is still in Richmond. Dick died last year shortly after their move to a retirement home.

Helen Clark Thompson Moore is in a retirement home in Suffolk.

It would be nice if others would send some news.

1941

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Hooray! I've heard from new old friends. Keep it up!

Mary Lee Pittman Johnson was involved in education for 47 years, first as a high-school English teacher and ending as a grade-school counselor. She still teaches Latin privately. She hears from her freshman roommate, **Ethel Millikin** '38, as well as **Lois Mitchell**, her sophomore roomie.

Raynell Goodman Lantor bragged about her three children and four grandchildren, who treat her like a queen. She has no complaints!

During her teaching years, **Evelyn Hudson Bunting** taught in four high schools. She was married in 1947 and had two children, Elizabeth and Charles. She lost her husband in 1989. During the summer she works in Ocean City.

Rosalie Johnson Charlton and husband live in Narrows, Va. They have three children: Melissa, Kit and John Mark. Except for knee replacements, she is fine. For over 60 years, she and Winnie Hudson Hodgson '40 have kept in close touch. She sings and teaches at her church. Her life is busy and happy.

Marguerite Jennings Helbush has moved to a lively apartment in Cumberland Village, which is a retirement village in Aiken, S.C. She uses an Amigo scooter for transportation since she can no longer stand alone. I hope she finds her village as comfortable as I have found Friends' Village.

I wish I could share all of **Lenore Magill Grumwood**'s letter with you. Her life is busy with much travel, church work and family. She says to think of her and her husband, Max, at the Honey Bear Donut Shop every Saturday morning. She works with an organization called Inter-Faith to empower elderly and disabled individuals to improve their quality of life. She had just returned from Argentina, where she had lived for four years. How great it was to see old friends again.

I loved **Virginia Burnett Wallace**'s note, which read, "I have no news. Thank goodness! Thank you for remembering me."

Jamie Redwood Witzel and her husband have moved to 52 Forsythe Square, Mobile, Ala. 36608. It's close to her old best friends and family members. It must be great to be back in the South again.

From Wakefield, Va., **Elizabeth Bain Williams** wrote about her interests and family. She is very active in the United Daughters of the Confederacy, her church and women's club. She has a son and a daughter and two grandchildren. She sees **Frances Williams Stiff**, who lives in a rest home following a stroke. Frances would love to hear from classmates. Her address is Health Manor 118, 1711 Belvue Ave., Richmond, Va., 23227. Elizabeth also sees classmate **Ann Parker White** occasionally.

Myra McCormick Cole lives in Temple, Texas. She has two daughters, four grandchildren, and two greats. She spends most of her time with crafts, having taken art classes after retiring from VA hospital. She is also in a book review club, Virginia Women's Club, NARFE, and chases grandchildren.

Rhea Dodge wrote that she sees **Elaine Parker Ball** every now and then when Elaine visits her sisters in Onacock. Rhea and several friends, including **Helen Burton Vincent**, faced the big 80 this year. Rhea, who wasn't looking forward to it, said she'll either take a trip or hibernate.

And finally, as for the Smith family, sister-in-law **Eleanor Batschelet Smith** and I, we are keeping up with daily tasks.

It was great hearing from you. Keep it up! Good Luck!

1942

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From Gwendolyn:

Greetings to all! In April our Norfolk group of all classes enjoyed a delicious lunch, camaraderie, and a tram ride through the beautiful botanical gardens.

Frances Lazenby Truett, who mistakenly was omitted in our annual (which I remember), wrote that she must be the only one of us still working. Her description: "My oldest son works with me, or, I should say I work for him — a great way to retire." Her 15-year-old granddaughter is currently spending a month near Budapest in a foreign exchange program. Frances spends most summer vacations on Gwyn's Island. She suggests, since so many MWC girls are in the area, maybe they could have a mini-reunion. Interested?

Alyce Amory Roach says she keeps up with the College through her sister, **Gwen Cumming** '52, a member of the Foundation. She was looking forward to attending a luncheon at MWC on April 1.

Grace Fox Skoog has moved to a retirement home. She loves living in Texas near her daughter. Grace is doing well except for more difficulty walking, due to past polio problems.

Elizabeth Stoecker Gallant has kept busy through the years, now mostly with church activities. For the last six months, she commuted to Syracuse, N.Y., to be with her sister, who recently passed away. In an average week she and her youngest daughter have a favorite pastime of going to the canal and watching the boats go through as they enjoy their picnic lunch. Their next trip will be to visit her son in Maine. With nine children scattered all over the country, she is never at a loss for places to visit. She loves to travel. Her husband is now in a skilled nursing home facility, where she visits him often. Together they attend the concerts and other programs held each week.

Rebecca Buckingham Straw taught physical education and coached teams on all levels of public education in her home state of Delaware for six years. She was married in 1947, and 10 years later they had a family of four. She went to the U. of Delaware to receive credits necessary to teach in the classroom. Twenty-seven years later, being alone, she purchased a condo at the Jersey shore, where she spends at least five months a year. Her five children and grandchildren love to visit her at Wildwood Crest. Special visitors to the Crest were **Barbara Apple Janes**, **Dorothy Graf Hecker** and **Gwen Ramsay Berry**. They worked together at Seacobeck.

Lois Ann Heimer Hoefer's note indicates that she's fine, "hale and hearty." Her only complaint is that most of her friends in California are gone. She continues to drive across country! She hears from **Doris Fentress**, who isn't too well, but has a good outlook on life. Lois plays cribbage, bowls, has her martinis and enjoys California. She sends her love to '42 graduates.

Emma Jane Holloway and her sister, Elizabeth, have moved to Outlook Assisted Living at 1080 Jefferson Davis Highway, Fredericksburg, Va., 22405. Although it is located in Stafford, it has a Fredericksburg mailing address.

Ursula I. Schiefelbein writes: "After spending the Christmas holidays with our daughters in Connecticut, my husband and I flew from N.Y.C. to Antigua to board a tall sailing ship, the *Star Clipper*. This was a mega-yacht experience to welcome in the new millennium on a cruise in the Grenadines. Upon our return to Connecticut, before leaving for Houston, Texas, we enjoyed a visit with **Ruth Capen Hartmann** and her husband, Bill, in their new home in Brookfield, Conn. They had recently moved from New Jersey, where they had lived in the same house for over 40 years. Ruth and Bill were looking forward to a trip to Florida to celebrate her mother's 100th birthday. A cause to celebrate!"

Janet Pearson King sold her home in Fredericksburg and moved to Westminster-Canterbury in Irvington, Va., where she had a house built and is busy getting everything done that a new house brings. She and **Isabel Gordon Swift** visited friends in Bethane, S.C., and attended the Carolina Cup Races at Springdale Race Track in Camden, S.C., in April. They also spent several days at the Homestead in Hot Springs, Va.

Anne Brooks Webb is spending a lot of time with her first great-granddaughter, McKencie. **Mary Gouldin Goebel** and Isabel Gordon Swift spend a lot of time playing bridge with various groups.

In February, **Ginger Bennett Skillman** sent a very sad, beautiful and heartfelt note about her roommate and dear friend, **Madeline Warren Tomlinson**. Madeline was in a nursing home in Florida.

1943

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From Dorabelle:

It is nice to hear from **Barbara Greve Carver**. She writes of the loss of her husband, Gordon, in August 1996, and of her mother, who lived to be almost 110 years old. The good news is that her two sons, James and Richard, are a great help to her.

Anne Mason Gall is active in her church choir and circle meetings, and she enjoys a writing group of 25 members. Also, she enjoys being with her children when possible.

Bertha Dickinson Taylor is still enjoying her Swinging Singers Chorus, giving monologues depicting the women of the Bible, and an occasional bridge game. She volunteers at her church one day a week and enjoys frequent visits with her sister, **Lucy Dickinson Spencer** '41, who resides at Governor's Inn in Newport News. Bertha, **Natalie Moore Spears** and I visit with **Hilda Holloway Law** for lunch and bridge once a month. Natalie and husband Jack enjoy an occasional getaway at Nags Head, N.C. They also look forward to and enjoy visits from their son, Blake, who resides in San Francisco. Hilda and husband Dana live at King's Mill in Williamsburg, Va. They are pleased that their granddaughter, Kristina, recently graduated from U.Va. They are happy for granddaughter Jenny, who has been accepted by Rice in Houston, Texas.

Mamie Stahl Allen is still as busy as ever. She enjoys visiting with her sons, Craig and Billy, who live in the Richmond area. She and Lee have eight grandchildren, who are the joy of their lives. She keeps in touch with **Frances Kidd Peirson** and **Mary White Davis**.

I am fortunate to have all of my family close by. My two grandchildren are a pleasure, not to mention my two great-grandchildren! I have downsized my activities intentionally, as I have many projects at home that I hope to accomplish. I do thoroughly enjoy being here looking out on the water, watching my many plants grow, and being available for phone calls and visits from family and friends. My musical activities have become that of a listener rather than a performer.

I chair a Get Acquainted Bridge Group once a month with a friend, who is part-time manager of a restaurant in Poquoson. We invite anyone to come, especially newcomers to the area. It has been greatly received, and we have met many new friends.

I called **Virginia Jonson Kisner** recently. She says she has also given up some of her activities but remains active in her church. She and Frank reside in Martinsburg, W.Va.

Ruth P. Bailey Conroy took a two-week tour in May of Paris, Normandy and the D-Day beaches, Tours and the Loire Valley Chateaux in France. Her traveling companion on most trips was, as usual, **Mary Anne Kimmon Sutton** '46, who still lives in Fredericksburg but winters close to Ruth in Naples. Ruth wrote, "This is a busy summer for me. I am traveling to Seattle June 7-12 for my grandson, Jake's, high-school graduation. My oldest son, Stephen, is an Edmonds, Wash., municipal court judge. My other son, Patrick, is a Catholic Jesuit priest in campus ministry at Georgetown U. My daughter, Rebecca, and her three children moved to a northern suburb of Orlando, Fla., two years ago."

Ruth went on, "What a pleasant surprise to hear from **Elizabeth Herndon Bennett**! Libby was married to a wonderful Air Force pilot after WWII, and this union produced four beautiful children — three sons and a daughter. Her husband was an airline pilot, so they were lucky to have traveled quite a bit. They lived briefly in Massachusetts, Puerto Rico and Japan, always returning to their home in Herndon, Va., which they built in 1951. Libby did not work while raising children. However she did some substitute teaching. To my surprise, Libby's daughter, Dr. Jean Bennett Eddy, has a veterinary clinic in Poquoson, my hometown! I hope to get to know Jean and to see Libby when she visits here.

"I keep very busy, especially during the 'season' (October-March)," Ruth says. "I still play saxophone in two bands and bass drum in another. In August I will travel (again with Ms. Sutton) with the American Winds Concert Band to Germany, Estonia, Finland and St. Petersburg, Russia, for two weeks of concerts. I belong to many civic organizations but will leave all those activities to another alumni newsletter."

Get a note to me telling of your news. We classmates are interested in hearing from you!

1944

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I promised you at the end of our column for *MWC Today* winter issue that I would bring you some of the memories different ones had mentioned. So now let's go back 55 years and see if some of these things bring back fond memories.

Virginia Morgan Kline remembers going to the College Shop for fun and a break from classes and studying. The flood was mentioned by many of you. Ginny remembers getting out of the dorm at night and riding a horse in the pouring rain, armed with a flashlight, to help protect Fredericksburg. She remembers how the Marines from Quantico also did their share.

Joyce Davis Pillow has fond memories of our freshman year in Willard Hall with Miss Turman. She said that one time her roommates got a note from the laundry ladies saying, "We do not wash teddy bears!" One had gotten mixed in with the sheets. She also remembers subbing in the dining hall making extra bucks for her riding lessons. As editor of *The Bullet*, she gave much credit to the staff, especially **Dotty Drake Grothusen** and **Monika "Niki" Dahl Scott**. Joyce even says she enjoyed running up and down the hill from Betty Lewis dorm, where she roomed with **Emmy Lou Kilby** and **Marilynn Price Heady.**

Elizabeth Phillips Roe said that being back on the campus with classmates made her feel young again. She mentioned the changes on campus, which brought back happy memories to me, too. Do you remember the old post office? The outdoor swimming pool, down the hill behind Willard Hall? The Hall of Mirrors, where many dances were held? I even remember taking sun baths on the top of the indoor pool while pretending to be studying!

Frances Farrell Fletcher remembers the war years vividly. Also, she noted the treks across campus to classes and meals, the laundry, Mrs. Bushnell and dinner music almost every night, dancing at the "C-Shop" to the juke box, and the special professors who never gave up trying to teach us the beauty of the campus in all seasons. She especially remembers the many great friends made during those years.

Jean Adie Mogavero remembers the air raid drills, flattening cans, special convocation nights, Dr. Quenzel calling for Leroy in the library, Mrs. Bushnell, and especially making new friends who are now old friends of 55 years.

I had a great deal of respect for Mrs. Bushnell, and over the years I became very fond of her. I worked in her dining hall and **Edith Mays Thomas** waited on her table. I remember how I played field hockey games until quite late several times and then ran up the hill to Seacobeck from the Athletic Field. I threw on my white uniform over my blue gym suit and began to get the dining hall in A-l shape for Mrs. B. and the students. I checked that all the Venetian blinds were exactly the same, all the tables had candles, all tablecloths were clean, and that all waitresses were present. After dinner Mrs. B. had us sing. Do you have any idea how many times we sang "Over There," "Remember Pearl Harbor," all the military songs from "Anchors Aweigh" to "Halls of Montezuma," "I'll Be Seeing You" and many others?

I heard from **Virginia Hawley Butler** around Christmas. She and seven friends had been to New York to see several plays and shop. In January Virginia went with one of her daughters and her family to see Virginia Tech play in the Sugar Bowl for the U.S. National Championship in college football.

Anna Austin Roberts Ware had two interesting day trips — one to Philadelphia as a fundraiser for her church and the other to D.C. to see The Star-Spangled Banner being preserved. They watched two conservators locate linen stitches on the back of the flag of long ago. This job will not be finished until 2002 — a very tedious job. An eight-foot long piece, including one star, had been cut off years ago for souvenirs, but it is still the flag Francis Scott Key saw over Fort McHenry in 1812. Her group also saw the D.A.R. Museum. Anna Austin's bridesmaid of years ago was the hostess who gave the group a VIP tour. You can bet that the group had a fantastic day!

Marguerite Klenck Lovejoy has been all over the map visiting family and friends. She was in Reno, Nev., for a son's wedding. She then went to New Jersey and New England to see her sisters. Around Christmas she was going back to Reno, Seattle and Montana, where other family members were present for a Lovejoy celebration. She said she enjoyed *MWC Today* but was sorry to learn of Dr. Alvey's death. She always associated him and Mrs. Bushnell with our days on campus.

Marilynn Price Heady had news from two alumnae we haven't heard from for many years: **Mary Betty Huff** from Bristol, Tenn., and **Nell Burgess Black** from Charleston, S.C. Betty was a teacher and a school principal. She now spends her summers in a cabin on a lake near Roan Mountain and her winters in Bristol, Tenn. Nell lives near her two daughters in South Carolina.

I had a nice Christmas note from **Nancy Gravatt Tucker**. She stays busy with her grandchildren. She has two in college and others down to a kindergartner. She has to make sure the others are doing their homework and practicing piano.

Virginia Pumphrey Webb had cataract surgery in the summer, and it went well. She said that Hurricane Floyd huffed and puffed but could not blow the house down! Then Hurricanes Dennis and Irene passed by, contributing floods that inundated parts of Conway, S.C., where she lives. Then came the mosquitoes!

Jayne Anderson Bell would love to hear from members of the Victory Chorus. I sent a note to all whose addresses I could find. I hope some got in touch with Jayne. I told them she had some music she wanted to hear them sing!

Jayne had spinal surgery last winter, but says she is making good progress. That's good news.

Phyllis Dunbar McIntyre's daughter had brain surgery in the spring, and Phyllis came east to Boston, Mass, to be with her for a while. **Hazel "Tommy" Strong Morris** spent three months in Naples, Fla. The weather was perfect, and she spent a lot of time swimming, which is good for her bad knees. Now that she is back home, she continues to swim at the new senior center.

Nancy Duval Andrews and I have been having fun with the e-mail. Nancy saw **Virginia Hazelwood Snellings** in Richmond — said she looked great. She also saw **Mary Ellen Stephenson Johnson** in her water aerobics class. They had been freshmen together at Cornell Hall. Mary Ellen has two bad knees and is trying to avoid surgery. Nancy wrote about going to Fredericksburg for an MWC Foundation meeting and lunch with the scholarship recipients. Our class had three girls there and four others who couldn't make it. Nancy said she wished our whole class could have been there. The recipients were all juniors. One girl was the first in her family to go to college, and she and her mother almost cried with gratitude. The second was a girl who radiated love and, as they left, asked if she could hug Nancy. The third girl gave her a sun catcher she had made along with a lovely note. It was a very emotional meeting for Nancy, who realized that the Class of '44 money had a part in changing the lives of these young girls. She said she went home with a warm, cozy feeling from this experience.

Elizabeth Cumby Murray sent a nice note at Christmas and an update recently. Her husband, Phil, had been in the hospital for quintuple heart bypass surgery around Thanksgiving and didn't return home until the end of February. He has had only one minor problem since. In June Elizabeth and daughter Trish were to fly to Prague to visit Trish's son. He is a junior at Lehigh U. and was taking two courses in Prague. Then, Elizabeth and Trish flew to Paris, where they picked up Trish's mother-in-law and brought her back to the U.S.A. to Elizabeth's home in Nantucket. Sounds like a busy summer at the Murray home.

Josephine Potts Coleman heard from **Virginia "Snookie" Wells Abbot** in Florida. You may remember that Snookie played the piano for Mrs. Bushnell in the dining hall years ago. She now gives piano lessons and takes care of her grandchildren. She also helps with the music in her church. As for Jo, she is fine and was to have lunch with Hazel "Tommy" Strong Morris.

I got a very nice note from **Frances Tracy** at Christmas. She spoke of the missionary board interviewing and later accepting a great new group of missionary appointees — very exciting. Fran took a trip to Kansas in the summer to visit an old friend. From there they drove to Denver, Colo., to visit mutual friends. Then in August she visited Willow Valley friends. A highlight of this trip was a ferry ride from Cape May, N.J., to Lewes, Del. They were foot-passengers, so they walked around for awhile and took the ferry back again. I have taken that ferry, and it is a lot of fun. As Fran said, there is a point out in the Bay where you can't see either shore.

Jean Adie Mogavero stays busy with church work, AARP luncheons, meetings and activities with the Eastern Star chapter. Staying in touch with her family is a must, and her parrot keeps her entertained — not talking, just a lot of noise.

Joyce Davis Pillow stays busy with her volunteer work with the local diabetes group. She mails out the monthly newsletter there. She also works with the Episcopal Diocese of El Camino Real. Her computer skills have progressed from playing solitaire to sending e-mail around the world.

Carolyn Watts Quigley and husband enjoyed a long trip to Cairo and Luxor, Egypt. They took a seven-day cruise down the Nile River and then back to Tel Aviv for a week-long stay in Israel. She was amazed at the vast history and heritage she found there. Her sister, **Frances Watts Barker** '45, house-sat for them.

I was ready to start typing this when I got a note from **Frances Farrell Fletcher**. Her news was of a sad nature. Her husband, Dick, died in October 1999, and this has changed her life. She has since resumed her regular activities and is back to singing in the choir. She said her devoted friend, **Mary Griffin Underwood**, has been a source of comfort. That's a true MWC friend!

I would like to know the e-mail addresses of those of you who have a computer and do e-mail. I already have about 10 addresses. It is a great way to keep in touch. Nancy Duval Andrews told me it was "hard to teach an old dog new tricks," but she has mastered e-mail and now loves it. Nancy received a call from **Jean Brill Davis**, who had a great visit with **Merle Updike Davis** in California. Merle's book is ready to be published. She and her husband have a retreat in the mountains near San Francisco, where they can escape from the rat race. As for Jean, she is already planning to attend our reunion in 2004!

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The years have passed fast since our 50th reunion in 1995 at MWC. We left the College campus promising to meet our friends again in five years. On June 2-4 this year, we did that, only there were fewer of us present. It was great fun sharing our joys and sorrows and memories. Now we have another page in our scrapbook of memories. Nineteen members of the Class of '45 registered for the reunion. We did miss those of you who have regularly attended past reunions but were unable to do so for the 55th. We thank **Gloria Post Goodsell**, our reunion coordinator, who did a fantastic job. I wish you all could have heard Gloria's remarks as she conducted our class meeting. She did an excellent job. Also our thanks go to **Anne Dawideit Dickinson** and **Bets Roberts Johnson**, who were responsible for the reunion booklet. It is outstanding, and we cherish it as it brings back many memories.

Mildred Sadler Johnson lives in a retirement village in Charlottesville with her husband, John, who suffers from post-polio syndrome. They have one daughter, two sons, and six grandchildren.

Jean Hudson Inskeep still lives on Mt. Pony near Culpeper. She is close to her three sons and five grandchildren. Husband Russell's health problems have improved, and she hopes the future holds more enjoyable days. Jean's roommate, **Louise Lilly Barrett**, had planned to attend the reunion, but suffered a detached retina, which prevented her from doing so. We missed you, Lil, and hope that by now you have recovered completely.

Ruth Smith Stanley is enjoying her own home in Richmond after spending 45 years in Methodist parsonages. Ruth and husband Sam's lives are full with family, church and friends. Theirs is a close family of four children and eight grandchildren.

Chris Brauer Krausse and Spott were anticipating the marriages of two of their grandsons, one in July and the other in September. They enjoy good health and keep very busy with church work, family and friends. Spott retired from the Boeing Company, and they together organize two bus trips a year for their church friends. Two of Chris' sisters attended MWC; many of us remember **Elsie Brauer** '46 and **Anna Brauer** '47.

It was great to see **Nancy Aitcheson Taylor** and Bill, who traveled to Fredericksburg for the day with **Doris Lanham Einbinder** and Jack. Doris and Nancy were roommates and have remained close friends, see each other frequently and enjoy fun times together with their husbands. Nancy says, "Our five children and 10 grandchildren are our greatest accomplishments. We are proud of them all."

Grace Bailey Lindner is involved with the Collegiate School library as a volunteer, as a docent at Wilton House Museum, and the Salvation Army. Husband Carl is a retired architect; children are Max and Hut, who both live in Tidewater, Va., at Gatling Point.

Barbara Brittain Whittaker lives in Oroville, Calif. She is retired from the California Highway Patrol. Husband Walter is retired from the military and Pacific Telesis. Bobbie enjoys machine embroidery, rubber stamping, computer-generated greeting cards, travel and music. Three children make them proud.

Marie Buchanan Parks writes from Harriman, Tenn. She is a homemaker. Husband Charles is retired as vice president of Union Carbide's nuclear division. They have two daughters.

Mary Anne Burton Mountjoy is a retired teacher, and husband Wesley is retired from the FBI. They have three children. A grandson graduated from MWC in 1995. Mary Ann spends time sewing, crocheting, keeping pictures in albums and doing crafts with a group from St. Mary's Catholic Church. She writes that she will always love our beautiful campus and misses her dearest friend, **Mary Doswell Simpson**, who died in November 1999.

Hilda Chrisman Pendleton and Willard really enjoy their children and grandchildren as well as church activities, reading, gardening and traveling. Mrs. Bushnell is the person she will always remember.

Diana Ciuffreda Custis taught in Accomack County schools for 20 years and at the Eastern Shore Community College for 10 years. She and her husband, Wescott, have three children and travel extensively. She enjoys watercolor painting — Eastern Shore scenes, old houses, and family coats-of-arms by commission.

Mary Louise Conover Miller and husband Bob have four children. She and Bob love to travel. After his retirement in 1991, they spent summer vacations in St. Tropez. Now they reside in Palm Desert, Calif. Before retirement, she was a junior league member and a volunteer for Stanford County Hospital as well as being involved with the garden club, PTA, and C.A.R. Mary Lou and Bob traveled the farthest distance to attend this year's reunion at MWC. We remember that Mary Lou was May Queen in 1945.

Marjorie Cowland Crowder, Johnson City, Tenn., is a retired R.N. Her husband, Ralph, died in 1996. Marge stays busy doing church work and watercolor painting and is the author of an instant cookbook.

Anne Dawideit Dickinson has remained in Fredericksburg and is still working as vice president of Dickinson Equipment Inc., a company headed by her husband, DuVal. She is also involved with her church, friends, and family of four children and seven grandchildren.

Liz Goffigon Jonns and William lost their son, Bill, who passed away in 1999. They also have a daughter, Leigh. **Dottie Griffin Rice** is widowed and the mother of two children. She has a greenhouse full of beautiful orchids and bowls with a group of seniors who are lots of fun. **Harriet "Kate" Johnson Waymack** lives in Richmond. Kate and husband William are the parents of William III, Robert, and Davis.

Virginia Lamberth Edwards, of White Stone, Va., says her favorite role in life is that of mother of four and grandmother of eight. She currently serves as church treasurer, member of the development board of historic Christ Church, and member of the development board of the UM Family services.

Jo Moss-Shulke enjoys music, bridge, reading and the movies. She still plays the piano for her own entertainment. Her three children and grandchildren are her priority in life. **Mary Lee Payne Nangeroni** and husband Lindo, a retired chemist from the American Cynamid Company, have four children.

Gloria Post Goodsell retired after 33 years as a teacher. She and Roger have two children and have celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary. Gloria enjoys reading and participates in a reading club as well as church work. She wants you all to know that she cherishes your friendship and the years at MWC. Gloria and Roger traveled from their home in Tyler, Texas, to attend the reunion as well as the reunion planning session last November.

Skip Potts Taylor participates in Bible study, water exercise, golf, reading, entertaining and bridge. She and Wally are the parents of two daughters and 10 grandchildren, the latest one having been a "special order" baby boy from Guatemala. She relishes the many dear and lasting friends she made at MWC.

Bets Roberts Johnson and her husband, Joseph, live in Syria, Va., and are the parents of three. Bets stays busy with horseback riding, hiking, swimming, community work, emergency services, literacy council, RSVP, church work, and book club. She rides her horse every day, weather permitting.

Mildred "Pat" Savedge, who lives in a Baptist retirement community in Newport News, Va., is active in the resident council and WMU. She is a life member of the board of directors of the Virginia Choral Society. **Betsy Shamburger Eggleston** and Richard are happy to be retired and living on their farm near Ashland with their daughter and her children. Betsy likes traveling, gardening, spending time with her grandchildren, reading, crafts and needlework. **Mary Smith Hertling**, who lives in Warsaw, Va., lost her husband in 1997. Mary keeps active with her church, family, and friends.

Marjorie Storms Reddoch wrote from Tarpon Springs, Fla., that her activities include patchwork quilting, gardening, piano, watercoloring, cooking for her family, athletic events and travel. She says, "I'm in good health after a bout with acute bone marrow leukemia five years ago. I'm now in full remission and am blessed to be alive after 95 days in isolation in Helen Ellis Hospital."

Kitty Teague Chaffin and Thomas are the parents of a son, Thomas III. Their daughter, Leah Chaffin Bowling, passed away in 1985. Granddaughter **Claire Bowling** graduated from MWC in 1999.

Ann White Leonard and husband John, blessed with 53 years of marriage, are the parents of five and grandparents of 10. Ann stays busy with golf, needlepoint, volunteer work at Bon Secour Memorial Medical Center, Ashland Christian Emergency Services and her church.

It was good to visit with the three girls originally from Tangier Island who were in our class, **Ruth Parks Crockett**, **Marguerite Pruitt Luce**, and **Lillian King Everett**. All have retired from careers in the teaching field. Ruth and husband John live in Onley, Va., on the Eastern Shore, near their son's family. Marguerite, a widow, has a daughter, Mary Anne. Marguerite retired as a supervisor in the Maryland school system and lives in Crisfield, Md., the blue crab capital of the world. Lillian resides in Chesapeake, Va. During her years as a teacher, she was honored by that school system by being selected Teacher of the Year.

Dorothy Arrington Trivett had planned to attend the reunion, but her husband's responsibility as mayor of Grundy, Va., prevented their attending. The town is being relocated due to past flooding conditions, and it was necessary for them to remain in town at that particular time.

Yours truly and husband Jack feel very blessed to be active and able to have been at MWC for this wonderful weekend and share remembrances and good times with our friends. I am involved with church work, I belong to a soroptimist club and am education chairman of the Accomack County Woman's Club. For the first time in 18 years our three children, John, Nancy and Anne Paul all live in Virginia. We enjoy and are proud of six grandchildren. The beauty of the campus and the strong academic programs of Mary Washington College make me a proud alumna.

Please remember that *MWC Today* publishes class notes on an odd year/even year schedule. All classes are represented in the fall issue, even years in the winter issue, and odd years in the summer issue. Deadlines are three months in advance. Please help me write the news of our classmates before the next deadline. It is rewarding to read about the directions all of our lives have taken, to receive news about our college friends, and to know that so many of us are keeping in touch with each other.

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Please keep the news coming. It will be only a year until our 55th in 2001.

Sue Frances Vick Warren wrote a note sharing information about her husband, George's, surgeries to replace both knees. The surgery was successful, and she is very happy that they can resume an active life after his three years of pain. She and **Janice Worsley Mayberry** are just 18 miles apart. They had lunch together and shared old times. Janice reported that **Ruth Phipps Metzel**'s son, Jeff, was killed in a plane crash off the Ivory Coast in Africa. Ruth and her husband are retired missionaries to Africa. They were in the Congo looking into establishing an orphanage for children of the Congo when he was killed.

Sue also keeps in touch with classmate **Anne Briesmaster Robertson**, who had brain surgery in September 1998. **Elizabeth Stallings Sharpe** wrote that Anne had sold her home and bought a smaller home in White Stone, Va., near her older daughter. Anne can only consume liquid nutritional drinks. Anne, your classmates wish you a recovery soon.

Mary Janes Ahern and a friend visited Elizabeth at Midwest City after attending an Elderhostel program in Texas. Elizabeth also wrote that **Betsy Hildrup Morris** died in December 1999. She had leukemia and for several years had been in a wheelchair. Elizabeth recently took a trip to Branson, Mo., and enjoyed seeing all the sights. This was her first trip out of Oklahoma since her husband, Coy, died.

Carolyn Rohr Huebner wrote that she is still serving in several organizations, AAUW, symphony, and Alexandria Hospital and continues to work in the public schools of Alexandria, Va.

Curleen Berlander Jones and husband Carey continue to enjoy most weekends at their river retreat. They have returned from their third trip on the *QE2*. They went on a 17-day cruise from Southampton to Istanbul with stops along the way. She also wrote that **Barbara Lee Zehrbach McCoy** from Illinois had visited her in Richmond twice during the year. Bobbie Lee lost her husband, David, and wanted to be with friends and family in Virginia.

Elizabeth Vaughan Pritchett and friend enjoyed 10 days at Rio Caliente Restorative Spa near Guadalajara, Mexico. It is located in a volcanic valley created millions of years ago. The waters, which emerge hot from the ground and form a river, are used for all purposes within the spa areas. It is a place where you can rejuvenate yourself — a great getaway!

Jean Purviance Stephenson sent New Year's good wishes to 1946 graduates and a letter reporting her continuing activities in her church and community. She's in her church choir and plays handbells. Volunteer services and membership in DAR and two music clubs also keep her active.

1947

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1948

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The new millennium was marked by most of us in fairly intimate but celebratory fashion. Lots of small dinner parties, champagne, good friends and TV around the world prevailed. **Jane Howard Patrick**, however, attended a hotel gala in Cooperstown, N.Y., a community in which she is very involved through the hospital board and the church.

Carolyn Bolling Sergeant would like to have celebrated at Versailles as four of her friends did, but opted for home by the fire. Reading of her many activities, I decided she needed that night at home, as Carolyn is a major fund-raiser in Knoxville, Tenn., on the opera board (which she helped to found), the opera guild board, and the UT musical advisory board, as well as an active grandmother and traveler. Her next trip is to Argentina to a Rotary International convention.

Golfing three or four times a week is still **Nina Schmidt**'s favorite form of entertainment. She is finding St. Petersburg, Fla., to be a very culturally stimulating area, with good theater and museums, and is also a popular destination for the northern friends. She was planning an extended visit to San Diego and Hawaii.

Having been there, done that, as a Navy wife for 46 years, **Barbara D'Armond Rodier** is supremely fulfilled in her now tranquil life of fishing, bird watching, woodcarving, and tai chi. She makes her own tasks and pursues them with vigor, likes being mobile at her own pace and staying in one place until the spirit moves her. She is ready to give up the D.C. area and become a hillbilly at her cabin in Syria, Va., but has not done so yet.

Betty Bennett Ferguson says piano practice takes longer and the chord stretch is not as wide, but otherwise, she is into a very full schedule of church music, bridge, volunteer work, computer and travel. This spring she and Dick will go to Washington and Oregon, and in the fall they will cruise the Mediterranean on the *Regal Princess*.

Last year **Sarah Armstrong Worman** and Ho moved to Charlottesville from Los Angeles and are about to move again, this time just up the hill and across the street from **Carol Byrd Williamson**. Sarah is a very busy newcomer to the area, working for the Republican campaign, a

member of the Christian Women's Club, cooking three meals a day for her husband, and entertaining constantly. She is also taking an exercise class. This spring they will take a U.Va. alumni cruise down the Rhine, and in the fall will travel to Normandy. After a long and successful career, Sarah is ready for fun, fun, fun, and she says she creates it wherever she goes.

Reading, restaurants, water aerobics, watercolor painting, travel and theater have snared **Charlotte Smith Hill** since her retirement from teaching last year. She misses the students, colleagues, and sense of purpose but has found a new goal: to downsize and de-clutter. As sailors of a Benteau 34' boat, she and her husband are preparing for a sail on the Florida waters, having been earlier to the Caribbean. Recently they cruised to the Yucatan and enjoyed the Mayan ruins at Uxmal.

Starting at 4:00 a.m. December 31, **Betsy Robertson** watched Y2K in Australia, and thence around the world until the crystal ball fell, and then fell asleep I should think! Betsy is an avid reader, golfer, bridge player and traveler, and is now planning, after visiting 28 foreign countries and much of the United States, a trans-Canada rail adventure. **Barbara Longaker Yowell** lives happily on a Virginia Scenic Byway, where she sews, reads and takes long walks. She has been on an Alaskan cruise recently.

Lois Saunier Hornsby's clan of 12 gathered at son Bruce's concert at William and Mary Hall on New Year's Eve after an interfaith community service. Lois balances her piano, reading and beach recreation with a workload of various community and family activities and travel within the state. Her most recent salute has come from the College of William and Mary, which presented her with the Prentis Award in recognition of civic involvement benefiting the college as well as the community.

Work and recreation are one and the same for **Gene Watkins Covington**. She loves to sing and teach music; two of her students won Lion's Club competitions. Gene is a vegetable gardener and church worker, very happy in Heathsville, the "garden spot" of the world.

Vanderbilt basketball, Scrabble group, book club and Sunday night jazz performances are pure entertainment for **Byrd Stone Helguera** in Nashville, Tenn. She is less involved now in volunteer work but working in committee and board groups. Her jazz interests took her to the International Jazz Festival this year, a spring trip to China was coming up, and a 50th anniversary family splurge to Spain was scheduled for September.

Marian Messersmith Snider likes her small town of Lancaster, Ohio, full of art galleries, festivals and music programs. She spends much time online, as well as being involved with grandchildren. She hoped to come to Virginia in the spring to visit **Emillie Taylor Wilson** in Wytheville.

Several travel groups were mentioned by classmates, including high praises for Tauck and AAA. **Jane Jordan Kimball** likes Saga, Grand Circle and Elderhostel, all designed for seniors. She is quite a traveler and was leaving soon after she answered the questionnaire for a cruise from Italy via Egypt and Malta to Israel.

The Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany has attracted **Lois Blake Tankersley**, and she was also planning to visit Austria, Italy and other parts of Germany. Now that she has retired from a 25-year stint at Nemours Children's Clinic, she is moving temporarily to Elkins, N.C., from Jacksonville, Fla., to help care for a new granddaughter.

A recent visit to MWC gave **Alice "Cass" Cassriel Whitman** a chance to rave about a five-star (her assessment) restaurant in Fredericksburg named Olde Towne Steak and Seafood. She finds great entertainment in trying all the restaurants in the Phoenix-Scottsdale area, a locale she would trade for no other. She and Len both work, their children visit often, and friends come to tour frequently. She went to Las Vegas to celebrate a 70-something birthday.

Alice Fairbrother Myers is a member of a sewing group in Spring Hill, Fla. She travels to Panama twice a year, as she was raised in the old Canal Zone, which no longer exists.

Before she gets too old, **Hope Harrison Mitchell** plans trips to the West Coast and to Alaska; otherwise, having done fairly extensive traveling, she is content to watch birds, TV and grandchildren, to garden, to preside on several volunteer boards, and to teach Sunday school.

Bridge, reading, long walks and aerobics are some of the entertainment that **Laura Wright Nottingham** enjoys, but friends come at the head of her list. She has traveled to various parts of the United States, had summer trips planned to Colorado and Myrtle Beach, and had recently returned from Cancun.

Bobbie Hough McConnell's bronchitis bug axed her New Year's Eve plans, and two months later she was still bothered by that bug. However, with better days ahead, she and Bill were planning to go to the Passion Play and tour Munich, Strasbourg, Luxembourg and Paris with a church group with whom they have traveled before. Essex, Conn., and environs has wonderful theater, music and art, so she is very content to be living there.

The Athens, Ohio Historical Museum was founded by **Marjorie Selvage Stone** 20 years ago, and since then she has devoted much time to organizing programs and projects for it. She loves to read, walk, research and write, and she especially enjoys riverboat travel.

Nancy Salisbury Ellis returned from soaking up two weeks of sun in Florida and felt rejuvenated and ready to start another season on the farm. As Nancy wrote, farmers don't move around much, so she is content to stay in Trenton, N.J., near urban areas and half of her family, the other half in California. Somehow, with farm duties, New Jersey Farm Bureau Women, and extensive church involvement, Nancy finds time to be a realtor.

Helen Lowe Eliason included no name, but the postmark read Wilmington, Del., and she talked about historical garden restoration, so I think it must be she. Helen has had some wonderful trips — Nepal, India, China, Russia, Columbia, Brazil and Japan, but a recent hip replacement will slow her down for awhile.

The Greenbrier was the site of **Miriam Whitley Knight**'s New Year's celebration. With several sports, bridge and reading, Whickey finds her time is filled, but she is also busy maintaining her 156-year-old home and does occasional traveling.

Norvell Milner Hodges Moore rang in the century with a whole new lifestyle. In May 1999 she married Donald Moore and moved back to her hometown of Lynchburg, Va., where life sounds very rosy and busy. She and Don were to have gone to Nice in February, but after Don broke his ankle in an ice storm, plans were switched to travel to Germany in the summer. We wish Norvell the very best in this new chapter in her "Book of Life."

Short trips satisfy **Frances Belman Haddock**, who lives in Richmond near her family, wonderful neighbors and friends. She has been actively concentrating on developing a better spiritual life by participating a good deal in her church.

Father Time has slowed the travels of **Ashby Griffin Mitchell**, but she did get to Sarah Worman's mini-reunion luncheon, as did **Ann Gregg Woods**, **Glenna "Sandy" Graves Shifflet**, **Carol Byrd Williamson**, **Ann Buckles Orteig** '50 and my sister, **Ann Worsham Dunford** '50. Ashby and I e-mail often — such a fun, quick way to stay in touch.

Having traveled in 32 countries and taught English for Global Volunteers in Poland, Turkey and Greece, **Sylvia Sheaks Moore** is now planning a visit to Hawaii. First she will be moving into a retirement community, still, of course, in the central Shenandoah Valley, where her family has been rooted for eight generations. Her interests include AAUW, book club group, aqua aerobics, handbell choir and church work. Time spent with friends is a continuing joy, especially as her family is elsewhere. Her millennium celebration sounded just that, in Vermont at a party that included a huge bonfire in the snow and rockets sent aloft at midnight.

Being back in the Tidewater area suits **Mary John Moore Payne** just fine. Besides volunteer work, she plays bridge, mah-jongg, loves to fish and to travel. Recent trips include a pilgrimage to Rome and a cruise to Belize and Guatemala, with shorts and bathing suits all that were necessary on the 42-cabin ship.

After healing from a recent hip replacement, **Shirley Hopkins Fischer** is hoping to follow up trips to Great Britain and Scotland with visits to Alaska and Hawaii. **Ann Scott** enjoys theater, museums, and movies in Manhattan. Her round-the-world trip two years ago has inspired her to revisit some of the ports of call.

Rebecca Fristoe Goode must have been kidding to write she'd rather live in Richmond than in Kilmarnock on the Chesapeake Bay. When summer comes, she will change her mind, I'm sure. She has many U.S. travel plans for this year that will keep her busy when she in not singing in choral groups, playing in a bell choir and playing bridge.

The bright lights of Manhattan and fireworks at the Statue of Liberty ushered in the New Year for **Barbara Thomas Phillips**. Barbara summers on Long Island, winters in Palm Beach, but has always wanted to live in California. Huh? She feels her life is in fast-forward, as she is co-publisher and editorial director of a publishing house, grandmother of twins and a 5-year-old, plays tennis and platform tennis, and collects both jazz recordings and good restaurants. She has traveled a lot but is still hoping for Australia and Cuba.

While she would have preferred New Year's Eve in Paris, **Phyllis Cassell Lynch** spent a cozy evening in Morristown, Tenn. She did recently visit Italy for two weeks and also took an Alaskan cruise. She is satisfied that her traveling days are over except for trips to her sons in San Antonio, Nashville, and Emerald Isle, N.C.

Ruth Gilmer Huettel vows to be a travel agent in her next life, so much has she enjoyed the many, many trips she has taken. She is an avid golfer and not only enjoys playing the game, but also watches it a lot on TV, and she has volunteered at several senior tournaments. Ruth exercises, loves crossword puzzles, reading and theater at Barter in Abingdon, Va., as well as trying to master the computer. **Betty Meade Thornton** and husband Jim were at the Huettels' for a bridge game, the Thorntons having just returned from a month in Spain.

Now that I have my roomie's e-mail address, I keep up with **Pat Maguire Bilodeau** in Carlisle, Mass. It is great fun to read about her girls, now at Colby and Bates, her travels (as I write she is sunning in St. Martin) and to exchange good book titles.

A mailing from **Ruth Sargent Campbell** told about a big New Year's party with reestablished friends, her interests in reading (she belongs to two book clubs), her continuing source of plea-

sure found in violin playing, and her love of the outdoors, especially the New Hampshire woods. No travel plans in sight, but she has already covered a lot of the world.

As you probably remember from national news coverage, Franklin, Va., suffered major and calamitous damage as a result of Hurricane Floyd last fall. **Martha Warriner Dodson** wrote about what a terrible blow this was to the community in which she lives and is happy. Martha recently visited Hilton Head while **Rosemary Westerman Butterworth** was also there, had a trip to New England last fall, and planned a summer tour of a Canadian island and Maine.

A private black tie dinner party saw the millennium in for **Melanie Norris Stearne**, spouse and friends. Melanie enjoys children, grandchildren, travel, bridge, gardening and theater in both Boothbay Harbor and Sanibel, six months of the year for each. She has traveled to the Middle East, Africa, Asia, the South Pacific, South America and the Caribbean, so is very successfully filling her time.

If all of her children lived in California, **Anne Barnes Baugh** would happily move there, but since two children live on the East Coast and one is in Oregon, she is pleasantly settled with a very full life in Alexandria, Va., where she enjoys a full cultural and social life as well as an exercise center. Anne was planning a rugged autumn vacation in Peru and Bolivia, from the Andes to the rain forest, after a summer in the Blue Ridge and at Virginia Beach.

Valencia Sunday Hoover of Ocean City, Md., enjoys traveling with her husband and other senior friends on day trips and worldwide. She is very busy and is totally fulfilled doing volunteer work.

After a month in southern California looking for some winter sunshine but finding rainy weather, **Anne Williams Cordes** concludes she should have stayed at home, which is the small town of Sandpoint located on a huge lake in northern Idaho surrounded by high mountains and dense forest. Tourists come to enjoy the lake in summer and to ski in the winter.

Elva Welday Newdome enjoys concerts, plays, musicals and games, and is relaxed by shopping. She admits to being hooked on one soap, "The Young and the Restless." She continues to teach private lessons in violin, which she really enjoys, but they tie her down. She has enjoyed numerous trips to Canada as well as the Bahamas and London, Paris, and Switzerland, but her favorites are various Disneylands.

Justine Edwards Borland has been and is going nowhere exciting, as she puts it, but likes very much the town of Williamsburg, Va., filling her time with clubs, as well as reading and doctors' appointments.

Jane McCullough Smallwood touts Kitty Hawk, N.C., as the best retirement community in the United States. She enjoys science fiction, competition bridge, and travel — last year she was in Thailand.

As for myself, Salty and I plan to go back to the 17th-century house in southern England which we have rented for nine years, now so comfortable for us as we have come to know so many lovely people there, have entertained them here, and have taken many friends there to meet our English friends. In the fall I have planned a jaunt to Spain.

Thanks so much for your wonderful responses. Have a great year!

1949

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From June:

On a visit to MWC last spring, **"Andi" Dulany Lyons** found everything breathtakingly beautiful, with azaleas and dogwood in full bloom and the trees full of fresh green leaves. It reminded her of a long-ago verse called "Spring In Brooklyn": "De boids was singing in de trees. De sky was lousy with stars. De air stank with poifume. Gawd, it was beautiful!" As you'll be reading this in the autumn, if you envision those same trees, the same stars, the same beauty that we knew each fall for all those happy years on our campus, perhaps we still may apply, "Gawd, it was beautiful!"

The reason Andi waxed poetic was twofold. Her second granddaughter, Andrea, had decided to go to Mary Washington this fall to major in foreign languages and minor in music. Andi, her daughter-in-law, Martha, and Andi's third granddaughter, Chloe, spent a springtime day at MWC in anticipation of 2001, when Chloe will be ready for her freshman year. Andi had a wonderful time showing them around and was delighted when they, too, fell in love with our beautiful campus and all that MWC offers.

The rest of Andi's family also has been on the move, literally. Clay and Martha are building a new home outside of Lexington. Rob is making plans to build his own house at The Brush Pile, their new nickname for their land at Broad Run. Scott and Missy moved into their new, larger home in Lynchburg. They were no sooner settled in when they took off for Washington, D.C., where daughter Erin's singing group represented the Commonwealth of Virginia in a performance at the White House.

Andi's oldest granddaughter, Lany, may have the most exciting news of all. Next year, she will spend the second semester of her junior year at James Madison U. studying art in London. She has also received a grant to spend the following summer in Paris to continue her painting. In addition, Clay's younger daughter, Chelsea, is now dancing en pointe and recently performed a solo with the Rockbridge Dance Society. Drew, the only grandson (as if that weren't honor enough) has been in the Gifted Opportunities School in Lynchburg and will move up to middle school next year.

As usual, **Barbara Watson Barden**'s life goes on at a rapid and exciting pace. Barbara and Bob's youngest son, Stuart, was married to Kim in January. They have returned from San Diego to the East Coast while Stuart writes his dissertation. As we've mentioned, Barbara's daughter, Priscilla, had choreographed a dance for Barbara and her to perform together titled "Two Women." It met with such success that they have taken it on-the-road under the auspices of Priscilla's dance company, Kinetics Dance Theatre. The work has been especially appreciated by our generation of women. Son Rob's wife, Lou, was graduated in May with a B.A. in art education from Smith College. Lou coordinated her studies while working full time as the assistant to the president of Smith, having two children and helping Rob attain his Ph.D. in clinical psychology. Rob now is working as a clinical psychologist at Holyoke Hospital.

Life currently is not as happy for **Betty Bond Heller Nichols**. She and Lee were not able to take their long-anticipated riverboat cruise up the Mississippi as Lee developed severe health problems, which required radical surgery and radiation therapy. He's not out of the woods yet, and we all want to keep them both in our hearts and prayers. B.B. says she really appreciates the cards of encouragement she's received from classmates, who were aware of Lee's illness, and apologizes that she's not had time to acknowledge them. We know full well that chief cooks and bottlewashers, chauffeurs and caregivers rarely do have time, especially when they all are rolled into one person. To our mind, Lee is indeed fortunate to have that one be Betty Bond.

Jean Murphy Baptist wrote a newsy note in which she proudly revealed that she became a grandmother again in December. Her son, Edward, and wife had their first child, a beautiful baby girl named Mary Elaine. Murph said they came from Richmond to spend Christmas with her in Martinsville and went Christmas shopping, taking their 2-week-old baby along. She added, "The new generation!"

Edward has joined the U.S. Army and is working toward becoming a chaplain. Murph flew down to Ft. Jackson, S.C., in February for his graduation from basic training, then went on to Jekyll Island, Ga., for a few days. The Murphys own a six-seater Cessna, which son Dan Jr. flies. He took flying when a 16-year-old student at Hargrave Military Academy and got his instrument rating a year ago. Edward and family were to be stationed at Ft. Lewis, Wash., and Murph warned, "Seattle, here I come!"

Murph's first grand was graduated from Meredith in Raleigh, N.C., last year. Her second grand, Amy, was turned down by MWC, grabbed up by The Citadel and lasted six months there. Murph said, "They keep me going!" She gave a seated, black tie dinner party for 30 guests prior to Christmas honoring her daughter, Betty Ann, and husband on their 25th anniversary. With a silver décor throughout her home, Murph said the place just sparkled! Getting through that special occasion, the holidays and a brand-new baby in house just about did her in, but Murph bounced back and was raring to go again.

Last February **Virginia "Jinny" Merrill MacLeod** and Mac stopped in Martinsburg for a few days en route to Florida. Murph invited **Nancy Morris Ullman** and a few friends over for a mini-reunion, since they were unable to make our 50th. Enclosing a picture taken at that gathering, Murph noted that while she and Jinny might have added a pound or three, Nancy still looks the same as in 1949.

Passing along further news of her old roomie, Murph said that Jinny and Mac had sold their home in Wenham, Mass., and were building on Cape Cod, at Mashpee. Jinny and Mac also have bought a winter home in Florida. Murph concluded her delightful note with, "Sounds like two wonderful places for me to visit, doesn't it?"

Answering the call of the road last year, **Kate Mayo Schmidt** and Bill took wonderful trips, driving all around Pennsylvania, to Mackinac Island, Mich., and other places in that area they'd never seen. In September they headed west, spent Labor Day weekend with son Bill Jr. and his wife near Santa Fe, N.M., continued through Colorado and Wyoming, spent several days at Yellowstone, then on to Montana and back to Houston by way of South Dakota, Nebraska and Oklahoma. Kate and Bill both were stricken with food poisoning in South Dakota, and Bill ended up in the hospital in Custer. With wonderful care there, they soon were on their way to view Mt. Rushmore, Crazy Horse and that scenic area. Kate said there still are places in our country they haven't been, but there are fewer of them now. This year they enjoyed a three-week visit from Bill Jr. and Teri, both at home and at their farm. Kate and Bill were anticipating a family-given party in July in honor of their 50th anniversary, then were to spend a week in Radford with family members. How wonderful that many of our classmates recently observed, or soon will celebrate, their golden anniversaries. Congratu-

lations to all happy couples!

Word came from **Elva Tate Hasher** in Mechanicsville that her husband, Conway, was hospitalized in April with pneumonia. Elva continues her routine of spending two days every week with him at his nursing home. Conway's pleas to go home with her each time are so painful for Elva, since she no longer can be his sole caretaker at home as she was for many years. We keep Elva and Conway in our thoughts and prayers.

The good news from Stone Mountain, Ga., is that **Jackie McConnell Scarborough** no longer needs a brace after her successful back surgery last year and is now pain-free! When her doctor told her she could no longer climb stairs, Jackie and Les renovated their house to accommodate an elevator, which the grands love to ride. Jackie and Les attended a regional meeting of MWC alumni in the Atlanta area in February. While there was no one she knew, it was a good group of about 30 with an excellent speaker. They went to Miami in April for Jackie's 55th high-school class reunion and found some 70 classmates and 50 spouses in attendance. Last year, following our 50th in June, the Scarboroughs enjoyed a marvelous Mediterranean cruise. This year, in October, they are flying to Italy for an 18-day visit to Tuscany, Rome, Venice and Ryeka.

Jackie's double-classmate, at Miami and MWC, **Anne McCaskill Libis**, participated in the Million Mom March in Washington in mid-May. An avid believer in gun control and worker for safer guns, Anne felt compelled to join the cause to push Congress to pass some meaningful legislation. Though she did not relish the prospect of standing and walking too much, she chose to be part of the three-bus group going from her area in Baltimore to a Metro station in Washington. After the May march, Anne and Claude were to head for their cool and peaceful summertime retreat at Waldoboro, Maine.

When it's NASCAR race weekend in Bristol, Va., **Sarah-Kathryn Hayter Helton** anticipates her home will be overflowing with all four sons and families, which she eagerly hails as a great day. After she had to forego our 50th last year, Sarah sent for our Fabulous Forty-Niner 50th reunion booklet and class picture, in which our gracious Lucy identified each one depicted therein for Sarah.

Speaking of **Lucy Vance Gilmer** having laboriously and accurately named each classmate, that really was a challenging labor of love for her. Only two months after our reunion, Lucy had the first of her cataract surgeries. While successful, she now is far-sighted in her new eye and near-sighted in the old eye, providing a dilemma when trying to read. Lucy and June share that problem, and both used lighted magnifiers in deciphering our pictures. Lucy continues to keep very busy with her church work. At an awards banquet earlier this year, she was presented with her 50-year pin as a member of the American Chemical Society since 1950. In late May she served as "chosen" grandmother at a young friend's wedding. All her grandparents being deceased, the bride asked Lucy to be her "chosen" grandmother, and Lucy felt most honored.

One month after Lucy's honor, **June Davis McCormick** was to represent John's side of the family at his grandson's wedding in Estes Park, Colo. John's daughter, Lynne Fox, her husband, Stephen, and their daughter, Heather, were coming from their Half Moon Bay, Calif., home, with other Fox relatives arriving from Chicago and Arizona. Ryan graduated from Colorado, spent two years in the Bay area and decided he preferred living in Colorado.

Having been on the ubiquitous Atkins diet (the antithesis of everything we've been taught), June lost 20 pounds slowly over three months — with a goal of 15 more — and hopes to get back into her smaller-sized wardrobe! June especially wants to express her thanks to the several classmates who knew of her scary surgery last August and were gracious with words of support and encouragement.

"Conni" Conley Stuart's latest news barely made this class notes. She had just finished a Movie-of-the-Week for cable's Lifetime channel. Watch your *TV Guide* for "A Woman's Place" starring Lorraine ("The Sopranos") Bracco. Conni plays her mother, who dies. Thank goodness, they cut the scene in which Conni was shown in an open casket!

Conni and Bonar were immediately off on a trip to France for the month of May. They expected son Curt, Heidi and their two children to arrive in Toronto from St. Louis to join son Tony and family from L.A. at the Stuarts' lovely lakeside cottage for their annual August family gathering.

After our reunion last year, **Dolores Ross** spent 10 days in Spain. She started off this year with a January cruise of the Caribbean, took a trip to Israel in April and planned a visit to Oberammergau, Germany, in August for the famed Passion Play performed every 10 years. Dee added that she thought she'd better travel while she can.

And finally, we have very exciting news to report, courtesy of Dee. As co-chairs of the Class of '49 Scholarship committee, established last year, Dee and **Erma Whitaker Bockoven** met last fall to set up some guidelines for our scholarship recipient. Together with other criteria, they decided that our student should be a Devil (odd year class) and an American citizen. The board accepted their requirements. So, sound the trumpets as we herewith announce that our first scholarship recipient is **Marc St. Pierre** '03, who moved to Virginia from Connecticut. He is the head desk aide for his dorm and performs his community service at an art gallery in downtown F'burg. He has not as yet declared his major. Now our first scholarship has been awarded!

With heartfelt sorrow, we must report that Betty Bond Heller Nichols' husband, Lee, lost his final battle to cancer in May. A memorial service was held at VMI on June 2.

1950

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I started this column before our reunion took place, so you will be getting a variety of news as far as timing is concerned.

Anne "Ozzie" Osborn Cox had a nice get-together in July '99 with **Janey Gardner Mallory**, **Martha Carr Huddleston** and **Jackie Newell Recker**. Ozzie didn't think she would be making reunion, as her daughter was expecting a baby around that time. Jackie and Len took a trans-Atlantic cruise to Lisbon. They both enjoy being at sea. Closer to home, they visited Callaway Gardens and went to Atlanta but didn't enjoy the driving there.

In October '99 **Mim Sollows Wieland** and I had a wonderful luncheon meeting with **Mary Paasch Schoof**, whom we hadn't seen in years. We caught up on each other's activities, and Mary wrote at Christmas that her granddaughter had been accepted into the honors program at U. of Arizona with a full scholarship.

Shirley Cole Schleter and John had an interesting 1999, with trips to Hawaii and then to Australia, where son Chris is involved with the Olympics. They also had some hurricane experiences in Kitty Hawk — lots of rain, fallen trees and debris but luckily no house damage.

Nan Riley Pointer and Joe took a 16-day cruise through the Panama Canal and down the west coast of South America to Chile.

There is always a full calendar for **Bobbie Birkenmeyer Mader** and Bill as they visit family and friends around the country. They also took a steamboat cruise up the Mississippi. Bobbie is still in real estate and passed her FHA test.

Now we are official members of the Golden Society, as we celebrated our 50th reunion the weekend of June 2-4, 2000. What a wonderful time we all had — 45 of us, and we were treated royally! Although Friday was very warm, Saturday was perfect, and the campus was as beautiful as we all remembered, with even a few magnolia trees in bloom.

Those of us who stayed in the air-conditioned Alvey Hall were greeted by volunteers who took care of our luggage and were available the whole weekend to transport us to our destinations or do other kind favors. As we entered the lounge to pick up our packets, there were squeals and hugs of recognition as we greeted one another. Luckily a large button which displayed our yearbook picture was included in our packets, but, I must say, we all hadn't changed that much. On one of the tables was a beautiful bouquet sent by **Nat Wilton**, of Belleville, Wash., who couldn't be with us but wanted to send her greetings and best wishes.

From then on we were kept busy — an afternoon reception in Virginia Hall for our class and other Golden Society members, another gathering under the tent at Ball Circle which replaced the Brompton Rose Garden reception, and then a buffet supper in the new-look Seacobeck. Each dining area is painted differently and serves different buffet cuisine. We can say one thing: We were well fed that weekend.

Most of us stayed in the dormitory, many with husbands, so the lounge was a gathering place with motel residents staying on to chat in the evening.

Saturday was another full day. Some opted to take a tour of the new James Monroe Center for Graduate and Professional Studies in Stafford, while others took advantage of classes offered, and a few more local classmates joined us for the festivities. Following the class picture, taken on Monroe Hall steps, we enjoyed a picnic lunch with our tables shaded by a tent.

One afternoon class party took place in the parlor of Ball Hall with time for more conversation, looking at pictures, and a lovely Happy 50th cake. It was here that **Marcy Weatherly Morris** announced that our class had given $76,000, the largest class gift ever, with 66 percent of the class participating. Everyone is to be congratulated for their generosity. Scholarships are being established for children of faculty and staff of MWC. One will be the Class of 1950 scholarship. We had a lot of fun playing a peanut trivia game prepared by **Rachel Nickey Morgenthaler**, who could not be with us as she was recovering from serious health problems. Our senior memories recalled most of the events, people, etc., from our years at MWC, which she had tucked into peanut shells. Mim Sollows Wieland presented each of us with miniature wooden goat ornaments inscribed "50th reunion MWC goats" which she and her husband had made. The Alumni Association also gave us Golden Society stickpins. These items plus the 50th reunion tote bag we received at registration are nice pieces of memorabilia of our homecoming. There was not much time after this event to ready ourselves for the MWC foundation reception at the Ridderhof-Martin Gallery, followed by the banquet at the campus center. Our class was again cited for its outstanding contribution.

Most of us then returned to Alvey Hall lounge

to catch up on more conversation, picture taking, etc. and to say goodbye to those with early morning departures.

It was a wonderful weekend, and we all give Marcy a big thank you for organizing our on-campus get-togethers and the superb job of fund raising. We missed all of you who could not be with us for whatever reason and hope we'll see you for the 55th!

Both **Elmira Doolittle Daniel** and **Clelia Boushee Bullard** had planned to attend but had to cancel because of their husbands' last minute illnesses. We hope all is well now. Elmira and Dave now call Rhode Island their summer residence and Florida the winter residence. Clelia and Ray are in Jacksonville, Fla., and also have a place at Jacksonville Beach. The recent project there has been to build a new garage with a game room and bathroom upstairs. They are active in church and other activities but have decided to say "no" to future officer responsibilities.

I can't name everyone who attended our reunion, but I should make note of those who traveled from afar — **Alicia De Rivera-Cruz** from Puerto Rico, **Mary Cottingham Hardy** from California, and **Liz Garey Parode** from Arizona. Others who have had serious health problems attended and looked great. This included **Eleanor Sullivan Lewis** with husband Bob and **Martha Carr Huddleston**, who got around faster on her motorized vehicle than we did. She recently had a new grandchild and went on a trip to Ireland in mid-June.

Jean Sprower Hampton and **Ann Recker Johnson** were first-time attendees. **Wava Spriggs Runck** and **Ruth Alber Stuenckel** were present even though they left our group in their sophomore year.

I have a lot more news but will save it for the normally sparse September deadline column. Thank you all for your continued confidence and support as your class agent.

1951

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Can you believe it? Less than a year to go and we will be at our 50th reunion. Yes, having a great time at good old MWC, talking and laughing about the years we spent in college! Don't forget — June 1-3, 2001!

Just have a bit of news for you folks from someone I haven't heard from for a long time. So glad to her from **Betty Meriwether Mills** in January but was so sorry to hear her husband of 44 years, Monty, had passed away in August '97.

Betty is enjoying her four children and seven grandchildren, even though they don't live in Lynchburg. Her son, his wife and two children live in Greensboro. Two of her daughters live in Richmond. One is not married and the other lives with her husband, son and daughter. Her oldest daughter lives in Tulsa, Okla., with her two daughters and a son. Betty is hoping that her oldest granddaughter may go to William and Mary, so she could see her more often. In her spare time, she plays tennis and bridge. We are looking forward to seeing Betty at the reunion. Remember one thing — our city doesn't look like it did when you were here, so be prepared.

1952

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Our 50th is fast approaching. I'm delighted that many are planning to attend Reunion 2002.

Last fall when we visited my husband's sister on Staten Island, I phoned **Selma Friedman Fink**. Earlier in her life, she taught in Baltimore and New York City. Now Selma has a gallery in Soho, where she displays and sells her hand-carved animals. Austin is a retired ophthalmologist, and they've lived in Brooklyn Heights for 36 years. They have three daughters and three granddaughters. For relaxation they go to their Connecticut farmhouse. Selma said **Ann O'Dette Chovitz** and Eli live in Norfolk. They have three children and one grandchild.

Eva Busemann Hansen and oceanographer husband Don live in Miami. All three children and three grandchildren live in Florida. Eva, a retired mathematics teacher, has spent the last 15 years teaching at a Miami college. She enjoys bird watching and playing her violin.

Since her husband's death, **Evelyn DeMott Breeden** has been working part time at a Virginia Beach branch library. She recently returned from a Scandinavian trip. When she attended her Roanoke high school 50th reunion, she saw **Nancy Stump Motley**, who "looks great." Evelyn has two sons, one daughter, two grandsons and one granddaughter.

Jacqueline Carter Alexander took a class in pastels in 1957 in Pittsburgh. By 1960 she had sold her first print to Steiff for $35. Now she sells her offset limited edition lithographs, mostly of street scenes and quaint old buildings, in her Fredericksburg shop. In May Jackie went with her church group to the Passion Play, and she and husband Joe were planning a 20-day fall cruise on the Rhone and the Danube.

In February 1999 **Jean Amis Hill** and Clyde moved to King's Grant, a Presbyterian retirement village, in Martinsville, Va., and enjoy the freedom from house and garden chores. They, too, do a lot of traveling. They have a son and two grandchildren outside Atlanta and a daughter with three children in Roanoke. Their oldest Roanoke granddaughter, **Meredith Wadsworth** is a student at MWC. Jean went to Fredericksburg to visit her and was amazed at the many changes at the College. She also saw Nancy Stump Motley at a Roanoke school where both Jean and Nancy have grandchildren. **Nancy Parker Richardson** and husband visited the Hills last fall and played in the village's golf tournament. Jean also had a visit in May from **Mary Ann Jones Beard** of Norfolk.

Peggy Sherman Capers and John live in Augusta, Ga., only two blocks from her childhood home. John is a lawyer, and they have three children and seven grandchildren. She hopes to see many old friends at our 50th.

1959 found **Mary Mapp Edmonds Bradford** teaching military dependent children on Okinawa. She met her future husband, Wilson E. Bradford Jr., one evening at "The Tea House of the August Moon." After marriage, they settled in Maryland. They had a son and a daughter, **Catherine Bradford** '86, a music major. Mary Mapp's husband died of cancer in March 2000.

Each spring **Mary Alice Ward Welch** and Jim, of Sheffield, Mass., indulge in a golfing trip to Georgia. Returning home, they frequently stop to visit **Dorothy Murden Dickens** and William in Wilmington, N.C. Dot is a retired music teacher and an avid gardener. They have three children and four grandchildren. **Virginia Donald Ennis** and husband have a summer home in Vermont and winter at John's Island, S.C.

Last October **Mary Eleanor "Mimi" Bruce McCombie** and Bob rented a villa for two weeks and traveled around the countryside for an additional week. They often visit Bonaire in the Caribbean, where their daughter and son-in-law have a house used principally for diving. Mimi and Bob's baby granddaughter is a seventh generation Mary Eleanor.

John and I spent 15 days traveling around Switzerland on a railway trip with Elderhostelers in June. **Carol Oliver Headlee** and Tom visited in July for our annual play at Mill Mountain Theater in Roanoke.

Please write. Your classmates enjoy reading news of you.

1953

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From Barbara:

Pam Powell Wiehl wrote that she is anticipating moving to a small condo in Connecticut, but the thought of cleaning out 35 years of accumulation from the garage, attic, and basement is overwhelming. Pam winters in Naples, Fla., and would love to hear from any classmates in the area. **Virginia "Ginny" Poole Kinniburgh** is also moving from McLean, Va., after 22 years, to Falcon's Landing, a retirement community for former military that is about 30 minutes west of McLean. Ginny still enjoys teaching piano to her four grandchildren. She and husband John conduct the Episcopal church services at a local nursing home, an activity that they very much enjoy.

Peggy Snellings Rampersad should be moved to Fredericksburg, Va., by now. She is retired from the U. of Chicago and plans to resume her career as an artist.

"R & R from Norfolk involvement" is what **Joan Schlesinger Miller** calls a recent month she spent in Florida. Joan is down to two boards from four. She is still on the executive board of the Virginia Opera and is also president of the Sentara Norfolk General and Leigh Hospitals.

Elizabeth "Abby" Livingston Greene is still in real estate in the Boston area. She spends five months a year in Clearwater, Fla., and enjoys time with grandchildren living nearby. Husband David is fully retired from investment brokerage.

Jimmie Rivers Finklea's husband retired from the practice of urology three years ago. Jimmie's three daughters have five children, thus providing Jimmie with reason to volunteer time with grandchildren. She also was traveling to Scotland in August.

Hong Kong was **Barbara Hamilton Fraley**'s recent destination. She visited her sister, who teaches at the Chinese U. of Hong Kong and who acted as Barbara's tour guide so well that Barbara came away loving Hong Kong.

Marjorie Kodet Shevlin and husband Ed have lived 32 years at the same address in Signal Mountain, Tenn. Son James and bride Valencia live just 15 minutes away. Their daughter and family live in Dallas, Ga. Marjorie and Ed were recently visited by **Sally Hammet Davis** and husband Bob. Marjorie's question is, "Betty Buck, where are you?" She also wrote that due to health concerns, she and Ed have given up vacations on Windjammers and to Fla. and Mexico.

Elizabeth Young Worthington is the owner of Elizabeth's Art Studio in Chattanooga, Tenn. She is now retired three years from teaching at Lookout Mountain School, Lookout Mt., Tenn.

Her love of the children keeps **Elaine Strawser Cherry** in a state of "almost retired" from tutoring. She's down to a few students a week. She also plays a lot of golf in two leagues, winning once in a while. Elaine plays a lot of bridge as well. Both hobbies are ones she started at MWC. Elaine went to her first Elderhostel in Richmond

in the spring; she loved it and learned a lot about Robert E. Lee. She was also planning a summer trip to Ireland to try to track ancestors.

Winnie Ediss McGee has taken a part-time job as a tour guide in Asheville, N.C., and area after retiring from real estate and working for the Census 2000. She also has been taking two tap dance classes, managing to keep up even though she is the oldest one in class. Winnie's oldest son is running a business out of Capetown, S. Africa, and Cartagena, Colombia. Winnie speaks often to her MWC roommate, **Bernice Berkman Lipson Katz**, who was widowed, remarried, and is living in Richmond.

Gayle Winston Roberts and husband Page plan to start traveling now that Page has retired from the tobacco auction business. Their first trip will be two weeks in Italy. They still live in a quiet area on Buggs Island Lake in Clarksville, Va. They often visit their children, who live in Richmond. Three grandsons attend St. Christopher's and one granddaughter, St. Catherine's.

Since retiring after 21 years of teaching, **Jean Foster Harris** says her life is boring. Nonetheless, Jean says she enjoys her activities. Her four sons are close by to visit, her dog gets her outside a lot, and she has time to do what she wants to do when she wants to do it. **Betty Cranford Besley** is happily retired, spending much time with her grandsons. The elder graduated from high school this year and the younger plays roller/ice hockey. Betty considers herself to be a real hockey grandma.

June Christian Tuttle's oldest grandson graduated from UNC, Greensboro, N.C., on Mother's Day weekend. Their only granddaughter graduated from high school in Corning, N.Y., in June.

Betsy Dickenson Surles wrote that husband Jesse is retired from his CPA firm. His father, 98, and Betsy's mom, 92, are at a Baptist retirement center.

Jessie Mackay Foster is busy with family and church and loves retirement. **Marigene Mulligan Duff** sent her new address in Atlanta, Ga., but gave us not so much as a teaser of other information; and **Peggy Hopkins Johnson** wrote that she is looking forward to our 50th, commenting that each reunion gets better. I agree!

Hal and I have recently returned from a trip to New Zealand and Australia, both of which we loved. The scenery was spectacular and the people friendly and interesting. **Charlotte Benz Villalobos** made a trip to Washington, D.C., with her daughter and grandsons. She said it was cool and rainy, but they still managed to see almost everything on their list. Charlotte also made her semi-annual trip to Tennessee and Texas. Charlotte wrote, "My husband José passed away last September, so the past months have been difficult. However, I'm coping better now, thanks to support from family and friends." Hal and I sorely miss José, a dear and constant friend throughout the years.

1954

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Elizabeth "Betty" Baylor Neatrour is now a professor at James Madison U. after earning her Ph.D. in Russian literature from Indiana U. She enjoys reading, traveling and organizational work. Her husband, Charles, JMU professor emeritus, and she treasure their experiences with their son, Peyton, daughter-in-law Leslie, three wonderful grandchildren and Betty's 90-year-old mother. Betty wrote, "I owe so much to MWC. Friendships that we forged continue to be a source of support, enrichment and inspiration." She is looking forward to the 50th reunion in four years and wishes that reunions with dear MWC friends could be more frequent.

Mary "Chili" Chilton Newell is currently serving on the board of Matthews County Historical Society. She retired in 1992 as the public affairs coordinator of the Museums of Stony Brook, an art and history museum complex on Long Island. Chili's interest in art, architectural history, archeology and local history continues. Through the years she has served as a volunteer at church, in the community and at museums and historical organizations. Her special memory is that of close associations with the small band of art majors and the wonderful art faculty.

Mary Ann Dorsey Judy and her husband, Paul, spend time each year in Nantucket and Naples, Fla. Their four children and their grandchildren are a wonderful part of their lives.

Toula Drogaris Fotopoulos and her husband, Paul, have three children. She enjoys tennis, bridge and traveling. Toula recently traveled to Greece, Paris and Mexico. She is now the grandmother of two beautiful granddaughters. She fondly recalls the four wonderful years of her life at Mary Washington.

I'm always interested in hearing from you. Please write.

1955

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From **Gretchen Hogaboom Fisher**:

Upon arrival at our class's 45th reunion and registering at our motel, the first classmate I heard was **Ann Hungerford McKinlay**. No amount of years in New York will ever take the "ya'll" out of "Miss-sippy"! With her husband, Dick, in tow, we had a wonderful dinner with **Bobbie Sue Smith Holdeman** and husband Bob, **Carol Cooper**, and **Mary Margaret Papstein Carter**. Amazed at the great food, we reminisced as to the most we could hope for in our day, a decent grilled cheese sandwich! That group stayed up 'til 2 a.m. recounting memories and filling each other in on our current lives.

Saturday, at an all classes picnic held in the new Palmieri Plaza, in front of Monroe Hall and under the shade of a now giant oak, the Class of '55 gathered. In addition to the aforementioned were **Mary Kate Bird Dellett** and husband John from Oregon, who had come the farthest distance, followed by **Nancy Shope Armbruster** from New Mexico. Many contributed to the memory fest. Later, we crossed the beautiful campus and held a class party in Westmoreland, led by **Phyllis "Bee" Melillo Shanahan**. We honored our deceased classmates by the reading of their names and a moment of silence. Going around the room, each of us recounted briefly our lives in the last 45 years. A poster was on display, showing all the grandchildren whose photos were entered in our class's "Beautiful Grandbabies" contest, with connecting senior yearbook photos of their respective grandmamas! It was great fun, but we truly missed those of you who didn't make it. Many thanks to all of you who have corresponded over the past five years. As I am retiring from being our class agent, we sorely need someone to volunteer to "take up the banner."

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1957

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Friends and classmates! Are you there? I haven't heard from anyone, again. Please write! Your classmates want to hear from you.

The Alumni Association once again sponsored a wine and cheese party in Richmond with Dr. Anderson as our main speaker. These events are well worth attending. I hope to see some of you there next year.

Charlie and I have done quite a bit of traveling in 2000. We spent two weeks in England in February. Although we expected cold, rainy weather, we were pleasantly surprised to find sunshine and mild temperatures. As I write this entry (It is May. We have to have these submissions in six months in advance.), we are preparing for a three-week visit to China. Those who have been there say we are in for a real treat.

A year ago we went on an Elderhostel trip. I recommend them if you have a chance to go.

1958

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Seems we have been very busy since the holidays. Haven't heard a word from anyone but certainly understand there are a lot of grandma responsibilities. Summer is upon us, so send a postcard or two as you travel to those far away places.

Virginia moved to a new apartment. Her two cats demanded more running and hiding space. I bit the bullet and made the decision to retire. My heart is broken because I cannot imagine life without any students. My mind said it's time to move on and let those sweet, young things with their computers, laid back standards and new generation attitudes take over. Let's see how they do. I'm going to catch up on my correspondence.

1960

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The MWC '61 e-mail hotline spread the news that **Lloyd Tilton Backstrom** broke her fibula on an icy sidewalk in Colorado — but that didn't stop her and Art from winging to Ireland with Art's cousins and driving around the island's perimeter for a few weeks in late April. They planned to stay at B&Bs and stop at pubs to rest her leg and mail postcards — and, lo, I did get a card from Antrim County. **Mary Hatcher** was flying on one wing for most of the summer, since she tripped while working in her yard and frac-

tured her left humerus in four places. This fall she's taking a trip to Switzerland, sling and all.

Lynne Williams Neave was off on a mini-trip to Paris (for a birthday party) and London (to visit her stepson and new grandchild) — still the jet-setter. She enjoyed a May visit in New York from our Willard hallmate, **Aggie Welsh Eyster**, who was in N.Y.C. Aggie and Dick just moved into smaller, 75-year-old quarters in downtown San Antonio. She has a new studio and changed her artwork from making watercolors to etching, riveting, drilling, and embossing sheet metal. She and Dick have three grandchildren, who all live in Texas. Small world. Hank and **Pepper Jacobs Germer** have moved into an older home, too. Now that Hank is retiring, he is plunging full time into the restoration of their newly purchased Victorian. They were off to Houston to visit their daughter and to revisit old haunts when she e-mailed.

Aggie and **Jane Riles** should get in touch. Both are accomplished award-winning artists. Janie showed her most recent works in April at the San Diego Art Walk sponsored by the Watercolor Society. Her new paintings were a result of a week in Paris with her two daughters and a painting jaunt through Brittany and the Loire Valley. Both Andy and **Connie Booth Logothetis** and Clarence and **Clara Sue Durden Ashley** have been to San Diego to visit her this year.

Judy Saunders Slifer went to the Mobile, Ala., Mardi Gras with a girl friend this year and can't wait to repeat the trip next year — husbands reportedly liked the break, too. She sent news that twin, **Eleanore Saunders Sunderland,** an agent for AAA in corporate travel, trekked The Silk Road for 12 days visiting Istanbul, Turkey, Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan. Eleanore's kids are all back in the U.S.: Willard a Russian history professor at U. of Cincinnati, Jude on a Human Rights Watch grant and Jane doing research for the National Geographic Society.

Judy and Eleanore see **Linda Taylor Drustrup** often. Linda had a double grandmother gift from her daughter — the adoption of a baby boy from Guatemala and the birth of a second grandchild within months. Linda went to Guatemala with her son-in-law to pick up her grandson. What an experience! **Carolyn Barnette Wright** was reveling in the prospect of becoming a grandmother in July. She took a class in grandparenting even though she has spent the past 30 years teaching college classes in South Florida on human growth and development. She bought a pillow that says, "Every time a child is born, so is a grandmother."

Lynn McCarthy was at her laptop, sitting in a graveyard in North Carolina, e-mailing her news. She is having a wonderful time doing her genealogical research. Lynn had just had a second cataract surgery and was reflecting on youthful innocence, growing up on the beach and not wearing sunglasses. **Judi Early Toxie** became **Judi Early Birwick** in May, marrying her longtime fiancé, Al Birwick, a fellow principal and retiree of the Montgomery County, Md., school system. **Kelly Cherry** spent the spring semester at Hollins as a writer-in-residence and enjoyed being back in Virginia. She has been invited back to the U. of Alabama next spring as an eminent scholar.

Dick and I are planning to see Lynne, Sandy, Lloyd and Art this summer on a three-and-a-half-week visit to our kids in North Carolina and New York City. Our son and his wife hope to see **Peggy Howard Hodgkins** in Maine this summer, when Don does "Titanic" at the Maine State Musical Theatre in Brunswick. Peggy is a new e-mailer too — enjoys keeping in touch with MWC buddies.

Our heartfelt condolences go to **Pam Kingston Anderson**, whose husband, Jim, died of throat cancer in March.

We have added a few more people to our '61 e-mail list. Be sure to let me know if you are online, and I will add you to the list for sharing. We are up to about 20 now. Be watching for the handbook questionnaire this fall and remember to return it to **Lynne Williams Neave** for Reunion 2001.

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My "bestest" e-mail buddy, **Donna Stevens Boyd**, sent me the following, which unfortunately arrived too late for inclusion in the winter issue of *MWC Today*, which is when the even-numbered classes are featured:

This from **Suzy Booth Thurber** — "This August went to see **Judy Wolfe Allen** and **Sue Lukehart Hallden**. Judy had her house and pool all torn up getting it ready for a friend's daughter's wedding reception. Have we not all said, 'Well, someday maybe you would like to have the reception here' and the *someday* happens? Her two daughters are out of school, one on the way "Down Under." We had a great visit with Sue and husband Alan. Sue is wheelchair bound due to a stroke, but does not miss much. We enjoyed a party-boat ride around the lake that surrounds their community. It was good to see her and how well Alan is taking care of her."

From **Pat Barrack Gibson** — "My big news is daughter Ann's wedding in Kentucky in September 1999. Grandparents flew from Arkansas, and friends from Ohio, Tennessee and Georgia joined us. The reception was at Berry Hill Mansion in Frankfort, Ky. In mid-October, we hosted a reception back in Charleston at Lowndes Grove Plantation. We had to delay our arrival back in Charleston after the wedding by a couple of days until we could join the hurricane refugees and travel eastbound on the westbound lanes into Charleston. We were blessed to be spared, although Merv and I are currently listening to the patter-patter of rain on our 4-mil plastic covered temporary roof, which lost quite a few shingles in the wind. My heart goes out to the N.C. folks."

And from **Judy Wolfe Allen** — "Suzy Booth Thurber came to town, and we did the three-hour drive to Sue and Alan Hallden's sweet abode. Hoping to go up again this month with **Jane Walshe McCracken**. Still going to Baltimore every month to see the mum. Spent the summer in the garden getting ready for a wedding reception in September — now paying the price with a few strained muscles. However, I'm looking at the inside of the house with great pain. The easiest thing to do is just spend the holidays somewhere else. Going to Altoona for Thanksgiving with the Allens and thinking about Christ Church, New Zealand or Mammoth Lakes, Calif., for Christmas (locations of two daughters)."

Sue Katz Lieberman wrote in her holiday note that her son, Jim, and his wife have settled in Muskegon, Wis., where he is the only interventional radiologist at an old and established hospital. Since that region has an average snowfall of 100 inches, Sue and Ed made plans to meet with Jim and Beth in Kauai, Hawaii, in January! Daughter, Meg, is still teaching in the Lawrence, Mass., school system. Sue's family had a 90th birthday celebration for her mother, and I was delighted to learn that Mrs. Katz is doing well and can now boast of her first great-grandchild, thanks to one of Sue's nieces. Ed has decided to retire. Sue wrote with joy that they were giving one another a week in Paris as belated mutual birthday gifts. Sue wants hints from all of us on how to cope with a recently retired spouse.

Jane Walshe McCracken's Christmas letter was full of news of their family. The girls and their families have all relocated in the past year: daughter Kelly and family from Oceanside to San Ramon; Sarah and family moved from Orange, Calif., to a much larger home, which is only 10 minutes from Jay and Jane; daughter Cadie and her husband are also in San Ramon, so two of the McCracken sisters now live only about five minutes from one another. Jane has a new job, which she really enjoys, described as adoption reunions, wherein she gets birth parents and adoptees together. The job involves counseling and many hours on the telephone, Jane wrote. In November last year, Jay and Jane flew to Seattle for a happy family reunion with Jay's siblings. Jane commented that it was nice to get together without a wedding or funeral to take center stage.

Kathleen Sprinkle Lisagor sent a note in early January with the tragic news that their twin boy grandsons, due in April 2000, "became God's little angels in January." Our love and condolences to Kathleen, Barry and their entire family. Kathleen also wrote that she and Barry had spent time together in Hilton Head, S.C., with **Louise Couch Girvin** and **Joyce Wilborn Lacy** and their husbands.

Marcia Kirstein Fitzmaurice changed jobs in mid-August to something less stressful. Marcia wrote of the eagerly anticipated arrival of her first grandchild in early July, courtesy of her daughter. Their son is with a large law firm in Dallas, so his work keeps him very busy. Marcia and her husband treated themselves to a trip to Paris last Thanksgiving, but the quick trip and the ensuing jet lag convinced them that longer visits wherever are now best.

Nellie Peyronnet Drew's Christmas letter to friends brought the sobering news that what she thought was a gall bladder attack last February was diagnosed as colon cancer, which had metastasized to the liver. She wrote that her biggest "up" was the recent implant of a hepatic pump, which is still very experimental, but she has done very well on this new method of pumping chemo directly into the liver while suffering almost no side effects. She reported that she has now had her "15 minutes of fame" because a TV segment was recently screened about the new pump, and Nell was the star. In a more recent personal note, Nellie wrote: "Thanks for your interest and keep me in your prayers — I'm not the least bit shy about asking anyone I can find to put me on their prayer list — accentuate the positive. I have every intention of being one of those in the small percentage who make it. I think of myself as a miracle in progress, and I think even my doctors are beginning to believe it! Lewis is planning to retire in June after 30 years as dean of students at Hampden-Sydney College. We will have the freedom to get away as often as we want, which means we'll finally get to Emerald Isle for a visit!"

Katherine "Kitty" Gray Herrmann just returned from a wonderful trip to Italy with her daughter, Jill, and Jill's mother-in-law. (Neat trips are one of the benefits of being a travel agent.) Kitty wrote: Florence "was one whole semester of MWC art history in one place, plus great architecture, shopping, eating, people watching. We stayed in a 14th century palazzo. My room was about 20-by-20-by-20, complete with frescoed walls. I think it would be possible to go to Florence for years and never be able to fully absorb the art and other treasures that are there." Kitty has begun the qualifying procedures for the British Tourist Authority's BritAgent program, as well as being part of the Irish Tourist Board's Shamrock program. (These are all travel agent specialization programs, fairly complex.)

Louise Dunn Fuqua sent the happy news that her older son, Tim, is engaged and was to be married in June 2000 in Tampa, Fla. She also was kind enough to forward news of **Sheila Cooper-Hanna**, who had been in contact with **Patsy Barclift McDermott**, whose husband has retired. Patsy plans to retire next year. She and Hugh are thinking about a trip abroad to Greece, Greek Islands and Turkey. Sheila is still in the jewelry business, and her husband, Fergus, is thinking of starting his own business, which is exciting/scary. "Now or never," Sheila wrote.

Julia Shumaker Bailess sent the news that both she and husband Bob have retired from the education field and have moved to Bristol, Va. They moved into their new house in early April. They have traveled, visiting family and friends, after leaving the Manassas, Va., area and spent time in both Raleigh and Rocky Mount, N.C., where their sons reside. Julia's daughter, **Lisa** '89, and her husband, **David Dean** '88, live in Bristol with their two children. Julia and Bob enjoy the slower pace of life in Bristol. Julia recently returned from a trip to China, where she visited Tienanmen Square, saw the Terra-Cotta Soldiers, toured the Forbidden City and had a wonderful time. Julia plans to continue with her Mary Kay Cosmetics business, do volunteer work and travel.

Nancy O'Neal Robinson and husband Robbi e-mailed that they'd be heading east to visit family again in both Florida and New York, and could they visit us "in April between the family visits?" Nancy's daughter, Megan, moved to Oregon, and her absence is keenly felt, since Megan previously lived only an hour or so away from Walnut Creek, Calif. Son Neal is continuing his college, plus full-time work program and is going great guns with both. Nancy, Robbi, Jerry and I had our usual great friend-fix with beach, walks, golf (for the men) and loads of laughter. Weather was too rough for boat or fishing outings, unfortunately. I conned poor Nancy into helping me stuff questionnaire envelopes for a committee I serve on for the Town of Emerald Isle. My fellow committee members all said she can come back any time!

Helen Alexion James sent the happy news that work is progressing well on their new house. She said that husband Gus has worn out one treadmill machine since he decided to be his own contractor, but that the workout is a great stress reliever!

Donna Stevens Boyd sent the wonderful news that daughter Denise is pregnant! Donna and Harold are eagerly anticipating being first-time grandparents. Donna and Harold are also in the house construction business, although they are renovating rather than starting anew. The latest addition has been the cement slab for the new hot tub, which should prove especially beneficial for Boyd aches and pains!

Mary Wolff Maddrey Isenhour planned to throw a party to celebrate the significant Six-O in May. A group of friends gathered at Crow Hill for an afternoon and evening celebration marking her natal day. Wolfie's hard work for the Friends of the Western Carteret Library is paying off in that the Friends have nearly attained their fund goal for a "real" library building in this part of the county.

Beverley Sulpice Persell is getting back into teaching, after a nine-year absence, at the Congressional School in Falls Church, Va. This past summer she took four courses to renew her teaching certificate. **Jeanne McNaughton** was in her French grammar review class. On a sad note, Beverley's oldest son, Bob, has Hodgkin's disease and is in the process of taking chemotherapy. We all wish him the best success.

As for me, I continue with my watercolors and was pleased beyond belief that I sold quite a few pieces at a recent art show and sale here in Emerald Isle. Our children are all doing well and we look forward to all being together this July at the beach. Our grand-kiddie count will go up by two this November, courtesy of daughter Carrie and her husband, Earl. They traded in their mini-van for a full size one that can handle three kiddie seats! The pregnancy is going very well, and we are all grateful for that. Please keep in touch and send news!

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We didn't realize how much work goes into getting out the news. We appreciate the time and energy expended by **Frances Page Loftis** for all the years of keeping this column current. Thanks, Frances.

It was great hearing from so many of our friends!

Barbara Ioanes continues to relish retirement and living across from the zoo in Washington, D.C. She spends countless hours on community issues, enjoys walking her standard poodle, and keeps in touch weekly with **Betsy Ruth**, **Margo Schmidt Valentino**, and **Barbara Blee Dubitsky**.

Vicky Taylor Allen had an "It's a small world, after all" moment as she was traveling in a limousine to Kennedy Airport on her way to Rome. She noticed the driver's southern accent. Much to Vicky's surprise, she discovered that she was in a car driven by our own **Martha Coates**. Martha certainly keeps busy with her farm, social work and her limousine driving! Vicky is a Eucharistic minister in Westchester County and enjoys traveling in her off-hours.

Maria Maracic Polite continues teaching American History in Bakersfield, Calif. She vacationed this summer in Paris with her granddaughter. Maria hears from **Susan Turner Weaver**, who has two children.

Susie Solf works with underprivileged children in our nation's capital. Her daughters, Zafra and Layla (named after Eric Clapton's big hit), have both left the nest. Susie hooks rugs in her spare time. Those of us who remember Mama Solf will be sorry to know she passed away a while ago. Susie's suitemate, **Betsy Mosley Garrard**, and her husband, Edgar, live on a lake near Lynchburg, Va. Betsy teaches English at the local high school. **Judy Finger Bradley** and her husband, Chris, recently enjoyed a fun-filled meal with them. They have two grown children. Betsy attends church with **Judy Poole Ryon**.

Judy Finger Bradley had lunch with **Bena Ginsberg Siegel** and **Ellen Blum Rosenthal**. Bena teaches preschool and adult education, has three children and four grandchildren. Ellen writes a column on grandparenting for *The Washington Times*. She also has three children and a grandchild. **Mary Ann Denham** works for the Food and Drug Administration in Rockville, Md.

Patti Jones Schacht works with her husband building safe houses for inner city children. They have 11 grandchildren and live in Fairfax, Va.

Martha Yarbrough Elder and her husband live on the Tennessee River in Chattanooga. They have two grown children. **Leslie Pack Hertzler** and her retired Navy husband, Gerry, live in Edmond, Okla., where Leslie works as a technical editor for aviation contractors. They have two daughters and four grandchildren. Leslie keeps in touch with **Suzy Pearson Edwards**, who lives in Pittsburgh, Pa., and with Maria Maracic Polite.

Judy Finger Bradley recently discovered that she has been working with **Rochelle "Shelly" Leifer Brunner** '65 for the past six years at the National Museum of American Art. Shelly has three grown children and is the outreach coordinator for the Renwick Gallery. Judy has promised she will be more attentive to her surroundings in the future!

Donna McCord Dickman's husband, Neil, reported that Donna had died after a long battle with cancer. Donna was the executive director of the Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf.

It has been great hearing from so many classmates. Keep those phone calls, letters and e-mails coming our way.

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This is our last article before our next reunion, classmates, so I'll make a plea right now for you to send cards, holiday letters or e-mail before we meet again. June 2001 will be a memorable reunion.

Marjorie Meredith "Midge" Poyck retired from MWC June 30 this year. She has bought a home bordering a golf course in Columbia, S.C., not far from her son and family. We all wish you a very contented retirement, Midge.

Jana Privette Usry has settled easily into her new house in Richmond, Va., because it's only four blocks from her old one. She has been able to continue her work with the Miss Richmond Pageant, cut back on teaching at J. Sargent Reynolds and concentrate on developing her mediation business. She traveled to Pennsylvania last winter to visit her youngest sister and spend some time with her toddler niece, then later helped her mother celebrate her 80th birthday.

Last fall **Cathe Cantwell Luria** was suffering an inordinate amount of back trouble and sciatica due to slipped discs but had it corrected with some extensive surgery. After about six weeks of coping with invalid status, a totally new experience for her, Cathe reported that she was able to return to work. Her own illness afforded her a deeper understanding and more compassion for her patients with similar complaints, as well as a greater appreciation of the capabilities of her neurosurgeons for enabling her to resume her dancing activities.

Cathe's daughter, Sacha, continues to teach Spanish in middle school in Oakland, Calif. Despite overcrowded conditions with inadequate

materials, Sacha has managed to make some positive changes to alleviate the situation, making her teaching more enjoyable. Mid-year she was awarded a $1,500 grant to purchase textbooks and was able to make some significant improvements with instruction. Soon after Sacha helped her school become a Teach for America site, it was featured in a television special, allowing Sacha the opportunity to write the background information. Teaching certainly encompasses more now than it did when we first started out! Thanks, Cathe, for all the interesting information.

Eileen Goddard Albrigo sent a beautiful computer-generated letter complete with photos of her family. She and John look the picture of good health. They are blessed to have all their children nearby and are grateful for the many occasions that they can be together. John progressively works harder and harder for less money and relaxes with bush-hogging, log splitting, and watching the stock market. Eileen has kept busy with her "usual work" in addition to doing the desktop publishing for her sister's business conference while planning a recent Williamsburg wedding for her son, Todd, and his bride, Caroline Samson. Todd, a systems engineer, enjoys traveling; Carrie, a graduate of William and Mary, works in Northern Virginia with Catholic Charities, and by all accounts they are a perfect match. Eileen and John's son, Kevin, and his wife, Leigh, now in their third year of marriage, managed a fun trip to London before Kevin had to tackle the Y2K challenge with First Virginia Bank. Daughter Liz is a very successful student at Virginia Tech and enjoys living in a townhouse with three friends from home. Although she works in her dad's office during school breaks, Liz did manage a trip back to Colorado to visit old friends.

Yvonne Hutchinson March has bought an apartment in Hollywood, Fla., where she continues to work as an FBI translator and interpreter. Though she and Chris are perpetually separated geographically, the distance has shrunk to "only four hours" and retirement for Chris is getting closer. Yvonne reports that son Sean is happily engaged and works in Columbus, Ohio, as an accountant for Bank One; daughter Margarita is studying arts in Savannah, Ga., and her mother is still doing very well in Elkton, Md., so all's well with the March family. Yvonne is looking forward to a trip to Virginia for our next reunion.

Susana Roth Nurin reacted to the last alumni article with a newsy letter saying she was glad to hear about so many of her old friends. She keeps in touch with Yvonne's mother, sister and nephew, since she was his sponsor-mom while he was at the Naval Academy in Annapolis. Now that Susana's divorce is final, she is living a much happier, peaceful life, even though she had to give up her cherished home. She worries that she may have to teach until 3099 to make ends meet, but she escaped temporarily by taking a European cruise on her own during the past two summers and spends much of her time being a classical music "groupie." Susana invites anyone interested in attending concerts in D.C. or Baltimore to contact her — she's ready to join you. Son Justin is at Boston U. majoring in trumpet performance, so there will be many future concerts to attend. Susana has Justin enrolled in business management courses also in the hope that he can someday manage the Kennedy Center or Lincoln Center. Daughter Tamara, at age 26, received her master's degree from Northwestern U. in broadcast journalism and is an on-air reporter for NBC in Charlottesville, Va. Susana requests information from or about **Barbi Barriga Rowe**, who at last sighting was living in Unionville, Pa.

Speaking of requests, **Kitty Downs Gregg** asked about **Armine Carapetian Kundakjian** in the last issue and Armine wrote to me! Unfortunately, she didn't send any news but did request information about some other friends: **Brenda Leona Koon**, philosophy major '67 or '68; **Patricia Carroll**, English major '68; **Johanna Bobrosky**, Spanish major '66. I don't have anything to add here, so if you do, please contact me or Armine.

My younger daughter, now Mrs. Glen Brizendine, was married in a small outdoor ceremony at The Chamberlin Hotel in Hampton, Va., in May. It was a beautiful occasion in that lovely setting right on the mouth of the Chesapeake Bay. It's a great relief to be finished with weddings for a while.

Everyone please remember to send news in any form before our reunion in June 2001.

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Dear Classmates, it's certainly nice to have a little news for a change. However, it really is a little news, so please take a minute or two to let me know what you have been up to lately. It would be great to have a long column next time!

Dodo Fisher Roberts and husband Rick have been living in the same house in Wilton, Conn., for the last 27 years. Rick is an antiques dealer, and Dodo has been "mucking with computers in one way or another since graduating from MWC." Daughter Cady is a sophomore at Gettysburg College, and Nell is a freshman in high school. Dodo has volunteered to compile a list of class e-mail addresses, so send yours to her at Dodo.Roberts@wdr.com and she'll get a list out to anyone who responds. For someone who was dragged kicking and screaming into the computer age not too long ago, I must admit that I now don't know how I would live without my e-mail!

Marge Arnsdorff has been working with Glencoe/McGraw-Hill as a science consultant for their new science textbooks since August 1999. She has moved to northwest Arkansas and gets to do a lot of traveling with her job. Her son has an academic scholarship to the U. of Arkansas in engineering and is doing well.

Pam Tompkins Huggins became the grandmother of a baby girl last year.

I have had fun running into **Dale Saunders Kalkofen** at a couple of education conferences. She is a vice-president of New American Schools, based in Northern Virginia. I know she is happy to be working closer to home.

It was wonderful to hear from **Christina Askounis Pogoloff** after all these years. Christina entered MWC with the Class of '69 but graduated with us. She has been a lecturer in the university writing program at Duke U. since 1987. She published a novel called *The Dream of the Stone* in 1993, and her recent screenplay was a finalist in the 2000 Moondance International Film Festival, a womens' festival held in Boulder, Colo. She is married to Stephen, an Episcopal priest who also runs a computer consulting business. Daughter Elizabeth attends Guilford College, and son Michael is at Durham College of the Arts.

Ash and I still reside in Palm Desert, Calif., where I keep busy as a senior program associate for WestEd, a regional education laboratory. I still do a lot of traveling and enjoy learning to play golf in my spare time. Our son, Todd, was married last September and resides permanently in Melbourne, Australia. We get to Denver whenever we can to spoil our precious granddaughter, Maddy, and, incidentally, to see her mom and dad, our daughter, Anne, and her husband, Jason. Maddy will be welcoming a new baby brother in September.

Hope this finds everyone thriving and happy. Please drop me a line or an e-mail so I can share your news with the rest of our class.

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For those of you who did not attend our 30th reunion, you missed a wonderful and memorable experience. I highly recommend our reunions as fun, uplifting, informative and meaningful; mostly fun. Our alumni office seems to outdo itself each reunion, offering superb organization and amenities not found in just any old alumni office organization. Our thanks to the entire staff.

There were photographs of some handsome families and offspring passed around. We marveled at the academic and professional accomplishments of MWC offspring knowing, of course, that genetics is a key factor here! Better yet, alumni careers and life styles are even more impressive. Gab sessions lasted into the wee small hours as we swapped stories of life post-MWC. What a delight to see the numerous attractive additions to the campus. We are all pleased that the new buildings feature a continuance of architectural features so beautiful and so familiar to us all. Downtown Fredericksburg is a mecca for antique and boutique shoppers. Good restaurants abound.

At our class meeting, we established that **Anne Sommervold LeDoux** would be our next reunion chairperson. She lives about 20 minutes away from campus. **Tina Kormanski Krause** and **Elaine Wilson Maloney** will edit our reunion booklet. **Carole LaMonica Clark** and I will continue as co-class agents. With two class agents at work, we should be able to gather and publish twice the amount of informational updates — in theory, anyway. Remember us as you prepare your Christmas cards, and remember that Carole and I are both regular e-mail users. Our reunion booklet was wonderful this year, thanks to Carole's earnest efforts. If you'd like to read my copy, drop by on your way to Williamsburg, Virginia or North Carolina beaches, whenever you're in the area!

Please, everyone, send us something. We'd like to have a long and informative column in the next issue of *MWC Today*!

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Anne Gibson Snyder, a practicing painter since graduation, owns a gallery in Braddock Heights, Md. She has been in touch with **Kitty Tinkham Vanzant** and **Amy Long Fields**, as well as artists **Maureen Rowe Paige** '70, **Nancy Bowen Brittle** '69 and **Linda Auth-Pototschnik** '69. Anne looks forward to an exhibition of her paintings at the Washington County Museum in December.

Jan Reynolds Cooke teaches English at the U. of New Orleans. Her husband, John, is English department chair. Jan visited MWC last year with a friend whose daughter is a student there. She saw many changes but feels that MWC is still beautiful!

Betty Whichard Robinson has moved back to Virginia! Jim has a new position at GE Financial Assurance in Lynchburg, and Betty will be looking for work similar to what she did in San Antonio — doing computer software training for adults.

Susan Stumpf-Hebert lives in the Boston area and is a senior consultant in software development for Lotus Corporation. After working for 10 years as a flight attendant, Susan discovered the high-tech world in the mid-'80s. She is starting a master's program in computer science (quite a long way from her speech and drama major at MWC!) at U. of Mass., Lowell. Jim, whom she met at a road race in 1982, is the product developer of Puma USA's running, basketball, and cross-training shoes. Susan and Jim enjoy spoiling their huge passel of nieces and nephews.

Virginia "Ginny" Forrest Karnas has just moved from Fredericksburg to Arlington. She is now an R.N., having finished nursing school at Marymount U. in Arlington, and works in a medical recovery facility for the homeless in D.C. Fred administers homeless and HIV-AIDS programs at HUD. Ginny reports that **Chris Hollis** moved to Falls Church in November 1999. Chris works for Vanguard Communications as deputy project director for their "Caring for Every Child's Mental Health" campaign.

1972

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Greetings! It seems that my last correspondence is traveling somewhere in cyberspace. I'm not sure what I did incorrectly when I tried to transfer files via Internet, but the following never appeared in the alumni news. I apologize for its lack of timeliness.

Cyndy Winchell Sciba wrote that she's teaching at a private boarding school in Lititz, Pa., where her husband, Gary, practices medicine. In fall 1999 her son, Art, became a freshman at Mary Wash, mostly girls when we attended, and her daughter, Kate, is a junior at Davidson, all male when Gary attended. Just one of the many changes that have occurred since we left Fredericksburg.

The American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages wrote me that **Martha G. Abbott**, foreign language coordinator for the Fairfax County Public Schools, was the recipient of the 1998 ACTFL Florence Steiner Award for Leadership in Foreign Language Education, K-12. This prestigious award was bestowed on Martha in November 1998.

As far as "new" news goes, six of us, **Gail Sherwood Cervarich**, **CeCe Priest Stanfield**, **Sue Morgan Heflin**, **Martie Whitehead Allen**, **Mary E. Howell** '73 and I rendezvoused at a B&B in Irvington in March to celebrate our 50ths. We connected in 1968 at Willard and are still connected. Another connection I made back in '68 was with **Sherie Mitchell Boone**. Sherrie is busy with two active children, renovating her home, traveling, and tuning pianos.

Please send me updates on happenings in your lives. As Sherrie reminded me, our 30th is around the corner.

1973

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> Please, Mr. Postman, look and see,
> Is there a letter, a letter for me?

As you can tell, **Hubbard** and I haven't received any class news or juicy gossip from the Class of '74. So, "Come on people, now, smile on your brother, everybody get together, try to love" to write to your class agents, right now — right now! Send us something, no matter how brief or boring you might think it is — it's not! It means a lot for your classmates to hear what you've been up to lately — or perhaps, if you've never written to *MWC Today*, what you've been up to for the past 26 years! To make it even easier for you, we are now accepting submissions via e-mail.

On the homefront, Hubbard and **Carol Flaherty** planned a June visit to Hubbard's old roomie, **Lisa Tyree Nose**, who now lives in sunny California. Lisa enjoys the West Coast and still works in the field of medical sales. **Patti** is busy learning firsthand the meaning of the saying, "What goes around, comes around." Did you guess that she has two teen-agers?

We need to hear from you guys! Give us something to do. We are your class agents, after all! And take a moment to ponder the fact that in the year 2000 we have achieved 26 years in the real world — oh, for those wonderful college years! Take care, and we hope to hear from you soon.

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I have heard from several people since the last deadline. Let me know who you have been in touch with these years.

Jane Reese-Coulbourne thinks she will be working on our 25th reunion in spring 2001, so I am sure that mailings will follow. **Paula Boyd Drumheller** says that although she has never attended a reunion weekend before, she plans to attend this one. I hope everybody will feel that way, and that we have a record attendance. That would be terrific! Jane also wrote that she had just celebrated her 10th anniversary as a breast cancer survivor. She helped found the National Breast Cancer Coalition and served as the executive vice president for over three years. (A few of us saw her testifying before Congress.) She has been at the National Cancer Institute (NIH) acting as an advisor to the director for two years. Paula is very busy with her family and their many activities, including ice hockey, baseball, horses, and a Corgi. She teaches both figure skating and ice hockey skating! Maybe we should hold one of our class get-togethers at Fredericksburg's new ice arena! Skating is not mandatory. I know, I was covered with bruises the last time I tried ice skating back in the late '70s; I'd be risking a body cast now.

Sue Schmidt is now **Sue Schmidt Smith**, so now we have two in the class, and both live in the Raleigh area. Sue has been very busy and has a grown son who has successfully combined art and computers. Sue has taken up watercolors, obsessively, she says. She is working as a senior technical recruiter for a consulting agency.

Helen Taylor Salter has lived in Grand Junction, Colo., since 1991. She works as a technical communication specialist for a subcontractor for the Department of Energy. She married Alan, an environmental engineer, in September 1996, and they enjoy camping, hiking, and the environs of Denver, Salt Lake City, Aspen and Santa Fe. Helen visited MWC in fall '98 and enjoyed the changes that have taken place.

Alison Haworth Regan has moved to Grand Junction, Colo., as well. Perhaps she and Helen can travel together to return to MWC for the reunion in 2001!

I am looking forward to attending the reunion, traveling back from Salem, Va., where we moved in July this year. Please contact me with any news or comments you may have regarding the reunion.

1977

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From **Patricia Goliash Andril**:

Greetings! I traveled to the 20th reunion to make sure I'd have some news for this issue, and boy, do I ever! First, let me say how nice it was

to see so many classmates back on campus.

I had a nice chat with **Victor Yastrop**, who lives in Northern Virginia and works for Lockheed in environmental chemistry doing quality assurance. I also spoke to **Ford Hart** and his lovely wife, Kay. They had just returned from three years in China with his foreign service job. Ford says they will now be living in the Washington, D.C., area for a couple of years before his next overseas assignment.

At the afternoon class party, I had the opportunity to speak to **Lynn Honeycutt Wagner** and **Terri Moynihan Snidow**. They were at the reunion with another dear friend, **Sandra Jones Adams**. Lynn said that although they all live in the Richmond area, their busy lives keep them from seeing each other as often as they'd like.

Linda Ellen Jones had just flown from Munich, where she had attended a conference. Linda still teaches at Alfred U. in Alfred, N.Y. In the last year she has received two teaching awards: The Chancellor's Award from the State U. of New York and the Teaching Excellence Award from Alfred U., which is voted on by the students. On a tour of the new Jepson Science Center, Linda shared favorite memories of the MWC chemistry department with **Kathy Epson Peake**, who had flown from Tucson, Ariz., where she lives with husband John and their four children.

Linda Howell Bressler sent a nice message explaining that she couldn't be at the reunion because it was the same weekend as her son, Adam's, graduation from sixth grade. Linda has three sons. Her husband, Mark, is a dermatologist, and they live in Redmond, Wash. Linda is involved with non-profit organizations and special needs advocacy. Her youngest two sons have autism, and so Linda, along with five other families, began Families for Effective Autism Treatment (FEAT) of Washington four years ago. It has since grown to almost two hundred families.

Kathy Jones Harris did make it to the reunion and was surprised (shocked?) to find that Seacobeck now has a unisex bathroom. Things certainly have changed in 20 years! Kathy lives in Denville, N.J., with husband James. She is the assistant director for the Somerset County Library System in Bridgewater, N.J. Kathy had some information about **Debbie Sharpe Fitzgerald**, who, with her family, moved from Hawaii to Washington state following her husband's retirement from the Navy. Because of the move, Debbie wasn't able to attend reunion, but she'll be coming east in October for Mike's 20th Annapolis reunion.

Cheryl McKay Comes made a grand entrance to the reunion. She walked down the sidewalk just as the Class of 1980 was all lined up on the steps of Monroe for the class photo. Just before the photo was snapped someone yelled, "Here comes Cheryl," and the photographer held off taking the picture until she could join us — and we were so glad she made it. Cheryl had come from N.Y.C., where she is now living. She is a manager for the corporate contributions and employees programs for Philip Morris USA. Cheryl's husband, Roger, does marketing for J&J Unlimited.

Amy Hauck Newman was in touch recently. She wasn't able to make it to the reunion but said that all was well in Phoenix, Md. Her three children were looking forward to the end of the school year and the start of a restful summer hanging out by the pool. Amy also said they were getting ready to put an addition on the house, and she was busy with work and the children's activities, such as soccer, basketball and lacrosse.

Joanne Whelan Nikitakis lives in Fredericksburg with her husband and their four children. Joanne had news of **Mary Geraghty**, who lives in Alexandria, Va. Mary enjoys working for the Library of Congress. She went to grad school in Williamsburg, some time back, to get a history degree, and then earned an M.L.S. degree in Washington, D.C. Mary enjoys spending time with her 11 nieces and nephews. She also mentioned that the only MWCites that she is regularly in touch with are **Sue Wilson Connolly**, **Jacquie Viau Nolan** and **Helen Fones Dawson**. Sue is a dentist in Northern Virginia and has three children. Jacquie and husband Tom moved back to Virginia after living in Colorado for about eight years; they have a 9-year-old child. Helen was married about a year ago and lives in LaPlata, Md.

Kimm Harty came to the reunion from Salt Lake City, Utah, where she is the deputy director of the Utah Geological Survey. Kimm did a great job putting together our reunion booklet, and we thank her for all the hard work. Kimm, being a geologist, was interested in **Vicky Nichols Wilder**'s story about being in Istanbul, Turkey, when an earthquake occurred. Vicky and her husband, Martin, had gone on the trip to celebrate an anniversary, and the earthquake certainly made it a memorable one. Vicky and Marty live in Fredericksburg with their three daughters.

Kit Givens Burns and **Nancy LaClair Stults** arrived at the reunion together. Nancy traveled from Cary, N.C., to Kit's house in Smithfield, Va., and then they came to Fredericksburg. Kit left her two sons at home with their dad, Howie, for the reunion weekend. Nancy did the same with her two children, leaving them at home with husband Larry, who is a patent attorney with Norvartis Agribusiness.

Also at the reunion was **Colleen Henegan**, who lives in Watertown, N.Y., where she is a school psychologist. **Gail Melanson Carr** is an elementary school teacher for the Montgomery County School System in Maryland. Also teaching these days is **Annie Sauder**, who lives in Lexington, Va.

Prior to the reunion I received two nice letters from classmates. The first was from **Betsy Pruden Duke**, who lives in Suffolk, Va., with her husband, Bill, their two children and their dog. Betsy and Bill have been married for 11 years. Betsy had some sad news — last year her mother, who was her dearest friend, passed away. Betsy's father had died in November 1983. Her husband, Bill, was diagnosed with kidney and adrenal gland cancer. Following surgery (which he came through with flying colors!), Betsy reported that he is doing well. Betsy works in the Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney in Suffolk. She said that she also keeps busy as Taxi Woman, ferrying her children to baseball games, Girl Scouts, etc., and loves every minute of it.

I also had a nice letter from **Laura Lowe Collins**, who lives in Rapid City, S.D., with her husband, Jim, and three children. After graduation Laura went to Oral Roberts U. grad theology school for a year. The next year, she took more graduate courses at the Virginia Theological Seminary. She married Jim, and they moved to Germany, where he served with the U.S. Air Force. While living in Germany, they had the opportunity to visit 10 other European countries. They home-schooled their older children for their earlier grades, but now they attend school in Rapid City and are involved in sports; Michael plays baseball and Stephanie runs track. Laura has launched her own home telemarketing business, providing services to small businesses or independent agents who want to market their products and services, have appointments scheduled, or have surveys and fund raising done. Last fall Laura's father became ill and was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. During his illness, she made three trips back to Virginia. Laura stays in touch with **Kim Rossman Gayle**, who lives in Stuart's Draft, Va., with her husband, Wade, and their two teen-agers.

At reunion Laura Lowe Collins and Nancy LaClair Stults graciously volunteered to be our next class agents. Please, please, please help them by sending them news. It is always fun to open *MWC Today* and read our class news, but you have to provide some to see it in print. So, go grab a pen and get started!

1981

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From Lori:

Big news from **Wendy Brown**! She was married in September 1999 to a childhood friend, Frank Marrs, and was blessed with instant motherhood; she has a wonderful 8-year-old stepdaughter.

In January, **David Turley** left Wang Government Services to become director of systems for the SANS Institute, a cooperative research and educational organization for system administrators and computer security professionals. With this new job, he and his wife, **Colleen McCahill Turley**, are both working from their home in Fredericksburg, enjoying more time together and with son Nolan. **Steve Northcutt** is also now working for SANS, so they are looking for office space in Fredericksburg.

Charles Stone and wife Nan have retired to Hunters Creek in Orlando, Fla., where they enjoy visits from their children and seven grandchildren. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last year with a trip to Hawaii, courtesy of their children.

Bernie Saunders is still plugging away in Plano, Texas, with wife Sam and their family. Kyle, a sixth-grader, and Kipp, a third-grader, are in Catholic school together this year. Kyle is the leading point scorer in his hockey league, and Kipp is playing soccer and hockey. According to Bernie, Kendall is turning into the most beautiful and interesting 3-year-old that any dad could hope for!

Jenny Sharp-Warthan recently attended a Tidewater area alumni meeting and heard an interesting talk by the curator of the Gari Melchers museum. Jenny has taken some work-related trips recently to San Antonio and Los Angeles.

Lori Catanzaro Sciadini is the director of study abroad at Vanderbilt U., where her husband, Marc, is an orthopedic trauma surgeon. Their daughter, Natalie, is 3.

Carin Carr Fernandez '80 loves her job teaching sixth-grade math in Tampa, Fla. Husband Jack is an attorney in private practice. Daughter Marina is in her second year at the Naval Academy. Son Moose recently graduated from high school and was considering both the Naval Academy and Georgia Tech. Daughter Abbey, a high-school freshman, keeps busy as a little league cheerleader.

We made a local move in May, so please note my new street address.

Our 20th reunion is next year — the weekend of June 1-3! Start planning now to attend! I hope to see many of you there!

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From Carla:

Another school year has come and gone for me. I've taken on extra duties as a teacher at William Fleming High School in Roanoke City. In addition to teaching earth science, IB biology, and ecology, I'm also instructional chair for the science department. I enjoy the interaction with fellow teachers, but sometimes feel overwhelmed with extra work. My daughter, Kaitlin, 9, is busy with Girl Scouts, horseback riding, and canoeing down the James River with her dad, Dan. She seems to love the rapids and is getting pretty good at maneuvering through rocks. While Dan fishes, she wades in the deeper waters and hunts for all kinds of living organisms. Another budding naturalist! Sometimes I join them, and sometimes I take advantage of the time for myself. I try to catch up on reading, watch the birds around the house, garden, and get some exercise!

I would love to hear from my classmates! Please write, call, or e-mail me! Keep in touch! It would be fun to have a long column next time!

From Anne:

Last November I received a letter from **Robert E. Bailey**, who wanted to share the news that he and his wife, **Claudia Gluckman Bailey** '84, had a special year in 1999. In July they welcomed their son, Hunter Douglas Hayes, who joins his brother, Matthew, 4. They also celebrated their 15th wedding anniversary in October.

As a history major I feel privileged to have spent more than a month this year next to the *USS Constitution*, the oldest commissioned ship in the Navy. My brother is the 66th commanding officer of this illustrious ship. On May 13, I was in the Charlestown shipyard for the rededication of the oldest existing Marine Corp barracks, built in 1810.

By the time this is published, I will be an aunt for the second time; this child will join my nephew, William, 5, who thinks he commands the *USS Constitution*.

Please write to me. I would love to know how everyone is doing. I respond a lot more rapidly to e-mail.

1983

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From Marcia:

Kathie Enfield Jerow now has three girls, with Christena born in February joining sisters Shelby and Michelle. **Andrea Kocolis Hornung** and husband have had their first child, Brandon. Andrea is still a comprehensive planner in Culpeper County and will be director of the Rappahannock section of the Virginia chapter of the American Planning Association in June. Neil is still with the Department of the Navy in computer crimes. They reside in Spotsylvania County. **Glen Bell** and wife Leslie, in Dallas, Ga., proudly produced Thomas Joseph in May 2000.

Susie Leavitt is selling real estate in Northern Virginia and D.C. for McEnearney Associates. She is still teaching aerobics and kick-boxing and spent the millennium in Rome. **Scott Harris**'s position with the City of Manassas was reclassified from museum system director to director of historic resources, a better reflection of his range of duties. He is also coordinating the city's tourism promotion and provides historic preservation review of land use issues. Both he and wife **Diann Davis Harris** '81 keep very busy with work, kids and house — sounds like the rest of us! Scott said that son Jeff is getting good at chess and even beats dad!

Mabel Royal is still in North Carolina working for Covance Biotechnology Services. She also plays on the company softball team. She relates that **Princess Moss** was watching the movie "Asunder" starring Blair Underwood when **Desiree Valcz**'s name popped up in the credits. Seems Desi played a co-worker to one of the main characters. Desiree also appeared in the Mario brothers movie.

Betsy Pickral Molino '84 said that full-time motherhood keeps her very busy — especially with Amanda Rose, born in February, who joins big brother Matthew. **Jackie Lane Rice** is also quite busy with her third child, a son named Reiley Duncan, born in March 2000.

Farah Maynor Marks wrote that husband Dudley bought a Lynchburg business called Consumers Dornin-Adams, industrial and commercial roofing and sheet metal contractors. Farah keeps busy in the business and still works part time at RMWC. Their daughter, Marilyn, plays the piano and violin. Son Samuel plays T-ball. Farah and Dudley spent the millennium celebrating with **Terry Sckinto Hogan** and husband Walter.

Monica Rastallis Cashin spoke at the American Baking Association in June in Washington on the impact of the new proposed OSHA ergonomics standards on plastic tray design. Monica also traveled to Maui and D.C. on business and is still working for Rehrig Pacific Company. Monica and Mark's children, Kylene and Shayne, keep them busy.

Barbara Balogh is finishing her year as president of her local bar association, and her recent travels include Aruba. **Sharon Robertson Williamson** moved to the west side of Richmond and has started to do some telecommuting with her job at Circuit City, so she'll have more time with her kids, Shelby and Hunter. Husband Brian enjoys his job designing commercial blenders at Hamilton Beach/Proctor Silex.

The Kentucky Derby was a real thrill this year. Cameron Diaz sat two boxes down from us and looked truly gorgeous. We also met Dan Akroyd and Miss America, Heather French. Della Reese, George Strait, Richard Dreyfus, Daisy Fuentes, and father and son George Bush were there, as well. David Alan Grier, Dave Thomas, Kid Rock and Kevin Richardson were betting on horses, too.

We took a much-needed spring break at a dude ranch in Arizona last April. As always, I am in Virginia for a part of the summer visiting family.

Keep those e-mails and letters coming!

1984

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From Kerry:

It was great to see so many of you last year at the reunion! As I write these notes in May, it's hard to believe a year has flown by.

Joanne Brenton Carter lives in Fairfax with her husband, Jeff, and three children. Jeff works at the U.S. Holocaust Museum as records arrangement officer for their archives collection, and Joanne is busy volunteering at her daughter's elementary school and son's preschool.

Pam Johnson Jemmison writes often from Chesapeake. She works in the human resources field and stays active with her husband, Frank, and son Christian.

I went to a 40th birthday party **Lori Wendt Hudson** threw for her husband, **Dan Hudson** '83, in November 1999. Dan and Lori live in Warrenton with their three children. **Tim Pierpoint** '82 and **Dave Morris** '83 were among those in attendance. Small world that it is, Dan is working with Tim Thompson, brother of **Anne Thompson Steen** '83.

Lori reported that **Betsy Busking Clark** is living in Garden City, N.Y., (near my old stomping ground of RVC, N.Y.) and recently had her third child, a daughter. She has two boys as well.

Barbara "Boo" Katenbrink Chesser in Missouri made a career change a few years back and has been an attorney for several years doing appellate work. Boo is also rearing two sons, Zac and Owen, with her husband, Dave. Dave taught at U. of Missouri before switching to Montana State U. That ends in May 2000, and a move east may be in order.

I ran into **Ceil Graniewski Delaney** at the College Heights (Fredericksburg) McDonald's in April. She was on her way back from Kings Dominion with her three children and planned to stop at Carl's ice cream before they left town.

Kathy Harris Hutchinson lives in Stafford with her husband and five daughters!

I have seen a lot of **Carolyn West Jones** '83 this spring. Her son, Andre, played soccer in the same league as my son. We spent most of the season bundled up at Walker-Grant Middle School — the coldest spot in Fredericksburg.

As for me, life has its ups and downs. As many of you know, my husband **Jeff John** '78 died in October 1996. I am fortunate to have been blessed with four wonderful children. Juggling four children, work, and serving on the Fredericksburg City School Board hasn't left a whole lot of time to kick back, but we're doing great. I travel to New York to see my family when we need a change of scenery, and my sister **Erin Devine** '82 has been a great friend and sister through everything. She lives, with her husband, Phil, and their three children, and works in Arlington.

Please let me know what you are up to. I'm not always great about responding (it's that time thing — I'm writing this at midnight!), but I will save your news to pass along to your classmates.

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From Charlotte Young:

It was great to see some of you at the class reunion a few weeks ago. We missed those of you who couldn't attend for whatever reason. The day was beautiful, and it was nice to see old friends. Thanks to **Kathleen Goeller Booth** for organizing everything and to **Kim Slayton White** for the nice job she did on the reunion booklet. Kim and Dave, who have a son named Hampton, live in South Boston, Va. Kim is a principal with the law firm Woods, Rogers and Hazlegrove. She stays busy with the community arts center foundation and the junior woman's club. Dave is a State Farm agent.

I rode to the reunion with **Cathy "Cuff" Gibbons Kunkel** and **Lori White Wright**, who

both live in Northern Virginia. Cathy and Chris have two daughters. They are moving back to Cathy's hometown of Richmond and are looking forward to being closer to her family. Lori and Jerry have three children. Lori stays busy with her church and keeps active with her children. Her husband, Jerry, is a senior manager for Security and Human Performance.

Deona Houff has a son named Chance. In 1998 Deona founded "eightyone," a monthly paper serving Staunton, Harrisonburg and Waynesboro, Va.

During the reunion we were able to revisit Framar. It hasn't changed one bit and brought back a lot of wonderful memories of our college years.

Alison Metzger LaMura and **Ray LaMura** '86 were there with their two children, Ryan and Madeline. Alison stays busy with soccer and ballet. She was a paralegal at Hunton and Williams for six years before becoming a mother. Ray is the director of legislative affairs for the Virginia Banker's Association in Richmond.

Sidney Griffith Keith was there with husband Mark and their son, Ian. For the past 15 years, Sidney has been working as an engineer at the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality in charge of technical operations for the Office of Air Monitoring. She stays busy with her church and her son.

Elaine Thomasson Stottlemyer brought two of her four children with her. She and Todd live in Northern Virginia. Elaine stays busy with her four children's school and church activities.

Amy Blasch Liberty brought her newest child, John. She and Paul have two other children. Amy enjoys staying at home with her children.

Katherine Chapline Trott and Tom have two sons. Katherine enjoys staying at home with her children and doing accounting work for her husband's businesses.

Monique Gormont Mobley and Scott have two children. Scott is in the Navy, and they have moved nine times in the last 15 years. They currently live in Norfolk, Va. Monique worked part time in public relations for many years but now is a full-time mom who enjoys volunteering and keeping busy with her children.

Renee Allen Kuntz and her husband, Scott, recently returned from a five-year stay in the UK working for the Department of Defense. They enjoyed their time there but are glad to be back in Baltimore, Md., where they currently live. Scott and Renee enjoy their dog, Jackie, biking and reading.

Theron Keller has been working for the past 15 years for Logicon Inc., which was bought by Northern Grumman.

Julie Clark is in her fifth year working as the sales coordinator for Gourmand, a specialty food importer and distributor. She is the proud aunt of Neal and twins Paul and Claire. Her sister, **Ann Clark Lockhart** '83 is their mother.

Susie Ferrett Stough and Mike have three children. Susie and her family moved from Howard County, Md., to Richmond in 1996. She enjoys staying home with her children and doing some part-time speech pathology consulting at a local preschool.

Kathleen Dwyer Miller, married to Gregg, has two daughters and lives in Avon, Ind. Kathleen, a paralegal at Henderson Daily, recently took a trip to France.

Sigrid Skrivseth Houston and Scott have three children. Sigrid stays at home with her children in Reisterstown, Md. She and Scott just returned from a trip to London.

Kathleen Goeller Booth and Miles have both been working at the Department of Defense since 1985. They recently moved from Catonsville to Ellicot City, Md.

1986

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Nancy McAndrew has broken her silence! Nancy lives in Herndon, Va., with her significant other and has been working for Datate Inc. in Fairfax, Va., for the past eight years. Nancy earned an M.S. in technology management from George Mason U. in 1998. Nancy reported that in her spare time she enjoys training for whatever the next race may be. She is seeking the next fitness challenge, having mastered marathons, biathlons and triathlons! Nancy's old roomie, **Barbara Crews**, her husband and two children live in Luray, Va., where Barbara teaches school. Nancy, her sister, **Susan McAndrew** '84, and I met in Ellicott City, Md., for an afternoon of fun and seemingly endless story-telling — C-Shop! Pub! Keg parties! Is that all we did?

Speaking of story-telling, **Michelle Rung** made it to the East Coast last winter and met **Mina Holden Horn** and me for another gab-fest. Mina and husband **Todd Horn** '84 welcomed their third child, Scarlett Ann, into the world in January. **Irene Thomaidis Cimino** and her new husband, Bill, have been busy traveling the globe, from their honeymoon in France and Italy to New Orleans, Savannah, Denver and Los Angeles, where they hope to touch base with Michelle.

Congratulations to Irene, who recently received a major job promotion, becoming the only woman to ever hold the position of senior spokesperson for Virginia Power.

Donna-Lyn Mears Fosque and her husband recently celebrated their third anniversary. They live in Virginia Beach, where Donna-Lyn works as a human resources manager for a home health care company. Congratulations to Donna-Lyn for earning her master's in human resources.

News from another of our long-lost classmates: **Vicki Flaherty** and her husband of nine years, Jim, just bought a house in Athens, Ga., after spending a year in D.C. and four years in Princeton, N.J. Vicki, who now has a Ph.D., works as a measurement consultant for IBM Global Services. Simply put, Vicki helps companies who are implementing new IT initiatives determine what skills are needed to support the new environment, where there are gaps in skills, and what learning interventions might be appropriate to enhance employees' skills.

Death Valley National Park seems to be treating **Blair Davenport** and her husband, Dan, pretty well. They have traveled to Alaska and have plans to build a summer cottage in Wisconsin to go along with their winter cottage in New Mexico.

Tracy Greener Hollan has given up her career as an insurance adjuster to care for her two children. Tracy and husband Mike bought a lovely new home in Marlton, N.J. **Kim Mears** loves life in Florida! Kim, who works as a mission integration coordinator for NASA at the Kennedy Space Center, takes in space shuttle launches the way we here in Baltimore take in Orioles games! **Mary Ellen Landis Phelan** and her husband are expecting their third child in September.

Donna Metzger Lantagne sent a lot of news! Donna and her husband, Tony, have been married for 10 years and have two children, Joseph and Emma. They own Lantagne Legal Printing located in downtown Richmond. Donna was a working mom until Emma arrived and now enjoys being a stay-at-home mom.

Donna also logged in many other classmates, including **Carolyn McClurg Smith**, **Cabell Jones** and **Caitlin Lietzan**, all of whom recently got together at one of the old haunts, Sammy T's! Carolyn and husband Bill live in Ashburn, Va., with their daughter, Lauren. Cabell purchased a house in Richmond, where she is pursuing a master's in teaching. Caitlin works as a law librarian with the law firm of Williams & Connelly, PC, in Washington, D.C. In her spare time, Caitlin enjoys traveling abroad.

Cindy "Smitty" Smith Waller and her husband of two years, Henry, live in Richmond. Cindy works in the human resources department of the law firm McGuire, Woods, Battle and Boothe. **Anna Kelly Hanback**, the human resource officer for the House of Delegates, and her husband, Scott, are also Richmond residents. Anna has enjoyed traveling abroad with her mom. According to Donna, **Mary Loose DeViney** has not changed one bit! Mary works for Tuel Jewelers, her family-owned business, and she is reportedly very active in her community.

Candice Fletcher Worley and husband Mac have two children, Connor and Kate, and another baby was due to arrive in June 2000! They live in Acworth, Ga., where Mac has set up his own dental practice. Candice enjoys being a stay-at-home mom. **Sheryl DeVaun Manspile**, her husband, Randy, and their two children, Ellie and Ben, live in Richmond, where Sheryl has started to experience life staying home full time with toddlers. **Leanne Reynor** enjoys working in her yard in Richmond. Leanne, who is an active member of the local community, works for Ethyl Corporation. **Amy Minnigerode Knowles** married husband Glen in 1997. They have two children, Claire and Christopher, and planned a move to Richmond this past summer.

News of other friends: **Kelly Flynn Hansen** '87, who married U.S.M.C. Major Tim Hansen, now lives in Okinawa, Japan. They were expecting a baby boy in summer 2000. **Kris Kabza** '88 and his wife, Jennifer, were awaiting the birth of their son in June 2000. **Kathy Caughill DeLa-Cruz** '87 and her husband, Charlie, recently welcomed their daughter, Madeline, into the world. **Marie Del Gardo** '85, a rehab counselor with the Department of Social Services, lives in Richmond.

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From Sharon:

Beth Mazza Robertson is in the home stretch with her pregnancy. She's doing great. She, **Amy Graham** and **Ellen Bella** met in F'burg for a mini-reunion earlier this year. **Anne-Marie Turnage** '90 is the proud mommy of Aidan Turnage-Barney, a really cute little boy who was born in October '99. Anne-Marie lost her sister-

in-law in April. Our condolences go to her and her family. **Samantha Pillar Ellis** '91 and husband Gary have a new baby girl, Lexie, also born in October 1999. Sam is a prospect researcher at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts. **Janna Fryant Morrison** and her husband, Brock, had a baby in January. **Michele McClain Rudd** and husband Robb had a girl, Susannah, last December. They live in California, where Robb has a teaching job.

Leighann Scott Boland saw **Morgan Webb Ruby**, her husband, Greg, and their son, Spencer, in April during a visit to South Carolina. Spencer is a bundle of energy. (For those of us who remember Greg literally climbing the walls of Jefferson 4th West, it's not surprising.) Greg and Morgan have been living in Charleston for the past eight years. They recently celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary. They are expecting another baby this summer. Leighann still works for the Virginia Association of Museums with the TimeTravelers Program, which grew by 40 percent last year. The program requires a lot of her time, but she enjoys the fact that she can work from home.

Leighann has been hanging out with **Stephanie Shupe Hunt** quite a bit since Stephanie moved to the Richmond area. Stephanie and her three children, Amber, Hayley and Colby, attend the same playgroup as Leighann. Leighann also reported that **Robin Cunningham Karr** '90 and her husband, **Scott** '90, have a gorgeous happy little girl named Eleanor. Leighann and her family recently spent a day with the Robin and Scott on their property in Charlottesville.

Page Swartz Buehren, still working at GE, has two children. She and her husband are building a beautiful new home in Rockville, Va. They have also started a second business. **Beth Hill** '90 lives in sunny California. **Melissa Haines** '86 is still working in the museum field. She has taken a position with the Boulevard Museums in Richmond this year.

Living in Franklin, Mass., **Jennifer Madison Smith** is a part-time ballet teacher to 3-4-year-olds at the YMCA. Jennifer said the little girls are so cute twirling around in their tutus! Jennifer is also a full-time mom to her 3-year-old son, Tyler, who is quite a hit with the neighborhood girls.

After working for VDOT for 10 years, **Chad Brooks** moved to St. Louis last summer and married Melanie Dawes of Hampton, Va., in August. Melanie works in Fenton, Mo., for Joyce Meyer Ministries, and Chad works as an engineer technician for the City of Kirkwood, Mo. Chad also wrote that **Ted Hitaffer** was married to **Tiffany Crowder** '94 last May. Both of them were also graduated from Regent U. School of Law and are living and practicing in Toledo, Ohio.

Sandra Joyner Williams and I recently got together in Richmond for a day of fun. She stays busy with work, son Nicholas and her MBA pursuits.

1990

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From **Beth Johnston McDonald**:

A great time was had by all at reunion weekend, June 2-4, 2000. I personally went to bed at 5:00 a.m. (haven't done that since I gave birth) and its all a little fuzzy, but here is what I remember. If I have left you out, I apologize.

Scott and **Kristen Kelly** '89 **Bashore** live in Ashburn, Va., with their two kids, Julia and Nolan. **Doug Blair** lives in Charlottesville, Va. **Jessica Bradley** is a high-school English teacher for Prince George County schools. Jessica has done quite a bit of international travel, including Asia and the South Pacific. **Greg** and **Amy Cassady Wassenberg** live in Woodbridge, Va. **Rich Cooper**, now on the BOV, is living with his wife and daughter, Alexandra, in Alexandria, Va. Rich is the vice president of Earth Science for GETF.

Dianna Dawson lives in Charlotte, N.C. **Louis Dean** has been living in Saudi Arabia working as a cartographer. **Ronnie Depue** lives with wife and adorable new baby girl, Hadley, in Richmond, Va. **Susan Dorsett Olsen** is living in Centreville, Va. **Stacey Ohsiek Harrington** is living in Sayville, N.Y., and has a son, Bryce. Stacey and her husband own Positive Changes Hypnosis on Long Island and work with people who want to loose weight and stop smoking. **Kristin Flowe Swanlund** is a facilities planner for Capital One. She lives with her husband and son, Sam, in Glen Allen, Va. **Steve** and **Adrienne Wilson Himmelburg** are living in Chapel Hill, N.C. **Jody Hobbs Hesler** lives with her husband and two daughters in Charlottesville, Va. Jody is a stay-at-home mom and has had a short story published.

Scott and **Robin Cunningham Karr** live in North Garden, Va. Scott works for U.Va., and Robin is a stay-at-home mom to daughter Eleanor and a nursing student. **Libbie LaPlante Bement** lives in Springfield, Va., with her husband and two sons. **Mike** and **Stephanie Myers Michalowicz** live in Glen Allen, Va., and have a new baby. Mike is a senior internal auditor for Bon Secours Health System Inc., and Stephanie is a guidance counselor. **Cullen** and **Rosemary Golden Seltzer** '91 live in Richmond with daughter Katherine. Cullen is an attorney for Rawlings & Wood. The always-fabulous **Kevin Shirley** is a top-producing real estate agent licensed in Virginia and D.C. with Long and Foster.

Julie Pulley Grey is married and has a daughter, Emily. Julie is a registered nurse for St. Mary's Hospital in Richmond. **Will Rice** is an education coordinator for the Mary Washington Hospital School of Radiology. He and wife Pam have a 3-year-old son named Chance. **Beatrice Von Guggenberg Kerr** lives in Fredericksburg and has graciously agreed to take over this column. Please, make her job an easy one and send her all your hot gossip.

Finally, **Amy Swink Poe** '89, lives in Falls Church, Va., with her husband, Chip, and three sons. Amy works for OnHealth.com. **Kathryn Courtney Kelchner** lives in Williamsburg with her husband and two sons. Her baby, Luke, was born three days after mine in the same hospital — we just missed each other!

A record number of 1990 graduates attended the reunion, most of whom I saw at the class party in Bushnell. Remember "The Jungle" our freshman year? And the "Last Hurrah" out in Palmieri Plaza, by the fountain? Five years ago when I came to our reunion, most people were not even married. How funny to see my former partners in crime pulling out pictures of their kids!

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Lisa Mank is the assistant principal at Wolftrap Elementary in Fairfax, Va. She is in the middle of training for her sixth marathon and a triathlon. She lives in Oakton, Va. **Chip Walker** is living in Charlotte, N.C., and is heading Evergreen Funds' Relationship Management and Strategic Planning. His sister, **Kelly Walker** '94 married **Mike Antonio** '92 in December 1999. **Bill Gavin** is married to Gina and lives in Fairfax, Va., with their border collie, Aria. Bill is the youth coordinator at Saint Mary of Sorrows Catholic Church. He earned a master's of divinity from Princeton Theological.

Michelle Brown Floyd married John in September 1999. In attendance were **Kathy Lesher**, **Dave Getson**, **Shannon Rothgeb**, **Nellie King** and **Gabby Sulzbach**. Michelle works for MCI Worldcom and has recently started an at-home résumé business called It Is Written. **Tammy Cakouros George** married Paul in 1993. They live in Bristow, Va., with their two sons. She is a stay-at-home mom and is working to finish her master's in social work at VCU. She is also helping fellow MWC alumna **Karen Clegg** '91 coach a winter swim team. **Kathleen Riopelle Roberts** is married to Matt and lives in Richmond, Va., with their son, Henry. **Sean Mahoney** '94 is Henry's godfather. Kathleen is a teacher at the local Catholic school.

Cathy Bender lives in Vienna and is a senior procurement officer with the CIA. She spends her free time volunteering at her church. **Rob Menefee** is living in Old Town Alexandria and working in his family business with **Joe Kruper**, who is engaged to be married. Rob still plays a lot of golf.

Dorothy Ogburn Wood and her husband, Harry, broke ground on their new home in Stafford, Va. They are scheduled to move in this October. **Kimberly Eckhart Piper** still lives in Virginia Beach with her husband, Keith, and children Kyle and Katie. She keeps in touch with **Wendy Scott Stuck**, married to Ken, and they have a baby girl named Elinor. Wendy teaches at Phoebus High School in Hampton. Ken works for VDOT.

Renee Messalle married **Mark Mesterhazy** '91 in May in Fredericksburg, Va., and will live in Springfield, Va. They took a honeymoon cruise to Spain. **Kerry Mullen Cook** married Glen. They live in Richmond and had a baby girl named Riley in April. Kerry is a first-grade teacher. **Parthy Smith** married **Mike Dinora** in 1998, and they live in Richmond, Va. **Kristen** and **Lee Householder** also live in Richmond. Lee is an urban planner, and Kristen is a science teacher. **Katherine Moore Counsell** and her husband, Brian, live in Fredericksburg and have a little girl, Madeline. **Jennifer Norris Gurley** '93 lives in Richmond with her husband, Stephen, and works in public relations. **Janine Burpo Morrison** and her husband, Chip, live in Stafford, Va., and enjoy spending time with their little girl, Kendall. **Jon Pearson** lives in Los Angeles, Calif.,with his wife and little girl. **Lisa Wilbanks Rentenbach** is still living in a suburb of Memphis, Tenn., with her husband, Tim and their daughter, Augusta. Lisa was looking forward to a visit from **Stacey Savage Hagenlock** in July. **Carrie Reams Whalen** and her husband, **James Whalen** '91, welcomed their first child, Sarah Elizabeth, in March.

1993

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As the summer's end draws near, so much has happened to members of the Class of 1993.

Ross Ramsey wrote to say that MWC has taken him back. Ross began working as director of leadership giving for MWC in July. Ross adds

that his door is always open to alumni traveling through Fredericksburg. A double congrats to Ross for marrying Lori Boggs in Atlanta in June. **Abe Evans** '94, **Dodd Terry** and **Ted Keim** '94 were groomsmen.

I received a quick update from **Anita Essalih**, who has been working for retiring Congressman Tom Bliley. Anita and her son, **Tony Essalih** '99, took a cruise to the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico in December and hope to travel to Italy this November.

I got a great surprise a few months ago — an e-mail from **Sarah Cox Boyer**! She's doing really well and is recuperating from a recent move with her husband, Jon, to South Carolina. Prior to the move, Sarah was a writer for an ad agency.

Jody Smith recently completed a master's program in education administration and went to Ireland this summer. She's also finishing the final touches on her new home on Long Island, N.Y. **Tammy White** '95, a current resident of D.C., has taken a new position with Accent Health, and **Nilou Tavassoli** earned a master's degree in information systems.

Tracy Rowland and husband Charlie are expecting their first child in October. Tracy also kindly gave me an update on a few friends, including **Mike Weil** and **Matt Mejia**. Mike works for a traffic engineering consulting firm in D.C. and was married in July. Mike and company are living in Bethesda, Md. Matt moved in June from his position as assistant dean of admissions with MWC to director of development services and stewardship with the Office of College Advancement.

Rebecca Dotson is doing public relations for a satellite radio company in D.C. She continues to pursue her new hobby — swing dancing. **Alyson Scimeca Brody** is studying for her M.B.A. and works at Chevy Chase Bank. **Cindy Rush Reasoner** is still running a program at her school which focuses on students who are less likely to go to college. She took her students to MWC for a spring field trip. **Dodd Terry** lives in Old Bridge, N.J., and is a high school guidance counselor at a private prep school. **Bob Himmel** and wife **Jill Trussel Himmel** '94 continue to live in Roanoke. Bob is an attorney, and they have found new loves — their new house and doing triathlons.

Adam Owings works for the George Washington U. School of Business and lives in Arlington with his wife. They both spend their free time playing, watching and thinking about soccer! It seems like everyone is moving back to Fredericksburg! **Bill Major** and **Jenny Lentz Major** have returned with their two adorable children. Bill is a geographic information system specialist for a private consulting firm. And it's no surprise that **Tim Landis** has started his own party consulting business. **Meredith Wehmann** works for a computer company writing proposals and marketing plans. She works in D.C. and lives in Arlington.

Cathy D'Araujo Taylor, husband Zach and daughter Mindy have moved to Blacksburg. Cathy added that **Linda Trotter Hakkarinen** and husband Michael welcomed baby Jaik in February. The Hakkarinen family lives in Pennsylvania. **Cate Swain DiMisa** and her husband, Kevin, had a baby girl, Leigh, in January and live in Greensboro, N.C. **Mark Newman** is in management with Advanta Mortgage and continues to love Virginia Beach. Brother **Mike Newman** is assistant commonwealth's attorney for Danville. Mike and his wife, Amy, had their first child, a son, in July. **Elizabeth Bowen Jones** continues to work for social services in Westmoreland County. She's helping her husband, Mike, develop their new handyman service in West Point, Va.

A hearty Charlottesville welcome to **Rob Teweles** and wife **Allison Andrews** '95, who moved to town in September. Rob is director of sightseeing for Lakeland Tours, and Allison works for Value America. He says that there are no kids on the near horizon but give them a few years. **Cliff Jordan** completed his master's degree at George Mason U. He will be celebrating with a Christmas and New Year's trip to Rio de Janeiro with his father.

As for myself, Pratt and I celebrated our first wedding anniversary in June — yeah! We traveled to the Georgia beaches for some post-anniversary R&R and are taking up weekend camping trips. I continue to work in public relations for the Association for Investment Management and Research, and Pratt is an agent for Guardian Insurance. Pratt and I also welcomed a new addition to the Valentine family — a Lab pup. Bena, named for a town in Gloucester County, came to us in January at about 40 pounds. Six months or so later, he's topping 70 pounds and continues to grow, make us laugh, and chases the two cats, Lucky and Poozie.

With our new house in Fluvanna, we're always happy to see alumni. If you're in the area, let me know!

1994

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Thanks to all of you who responded to my mass e-mail in October after the reunion. Those of you whose addresses I do not have, please send updates on your lives so I can include them next time.

I am thrilled to be your new class agent. At the reunion I realized how few people I really know from our class, so I thought this would be a great way to amend that problem. I hope to recognize more names and faces at our 10-year reunion.

A special thank you goes to **Nick Miller**, who has provided me with a long list of e-mail addresses and information about numerous classmates. Nick married his high-school sweetheart, Robin, in 1997. They live in San Antonio, where Nick is a general manager for Sleep Inn hotels, and Robin is a cardiac telemetry nurse. Nick contacted me just as this was going to press to tell me that he and Robin are expecting a baby on Thanksgiving Day. Congratulations!

Through Nick I learned that **Melissa Self** was due to be married last spring to Nick's former suitemate, **Todd Whisnant**. Also, **Chris Bergin** and **Samantha Lima-Campos** '95 were married and are living in Seattle.

Mark Tanis wrote that he and **Tamalyn Reed** '93 were married in June 1999 and live in Roanoke, Va. Mark is a commercial banker for Bank of America, and Tamalyn does real estate appraisals for VDOT.

Len Ornstein has been teaching social studies in New York since graduation. He has been lucky enough to represent his fellow teachers on trips to both Japan and China while also completing a master's degree in social studies education. In his spare time and closer to home, he uses his season tickets to the Yankees games, along with **John Dimeglio**, who works in sales in Philadelphia and plays semi-professional baseball. Len has also been in touch with **Andy Woodfin**, who attends UNC/Charlotte, where he is working on his doctorate.

Chris Gildea is engaged to be married and is working as a key accounts executive for Danka Office Imaging. He lives in Alexandria, Va. **Debby Hodges** married John Shelton in May 1999 and is now the proud stepmother of 12-year-old Andrew. They live in Manassas, Va.

Danielle Leach was engaged to be married to Dan Goldstein in September 2000. She works at USAA in Reston, Va., while working on a master's in forensic sciences through GWU.

Danielle was a fountain of information about fellow classmates! **Deborah J. Brown** still lives and works in Fredericksburg and married **Charles Brown** '91 in April 2000. **Mary Bender** lives in Adams Morgan, D.C., and works for Common Cause, a political action group in Dupont Circle. **Jennifer Ball** was to marry Tom Zinck in June. She earned a doctorate in food sciences from Va. Tech. in May 1999 and is a quality assurance manager for Marriott in Maryland. **Susanna Parrett Daley** is teaching for Caroline County public schools, and her husband, **Steve Daley**, works for Earth Tech in Richmond. **Heather Ringer** married John Imler in August 1999. Jen, Mary, Danielle and Susanna all served as bridesmaids. Heather is working in human resources for Enterprise Rent-a-Car in Newport News. **Dave Kovacs** is engaged to be married to **Mary Johnson** '95 in October 2000. Mary is teaching first grade in Montgomery County, and Dave is a staffing manager at RCM Technologies. Dave said that **Eric Edwards** '95 lives in downtown Orlando, Fla., and works on the design desk of the *Orlando Sentinel*. **Brian Ranney** is living in Brooklyn and working for Atlantic Records.

Kim Anderson '97 married Johan Rainey and has moved to Boston, where her husband is a doctoral student. Kim has also started graduate school at Emerson College and is pursuing a degree in speech and language pathology. She commented that this is a major change for her, since she majored in international affairs at MWC, but she feels passionate about this new calling and is excited to begin taking her first clients.

Congratulations to **Shani O'Neil**, who married Ken Calhoun in 1997 and gave birth to their first child, a boy, last November. Shani has an M.A. in history but is currently working in the marketing department of a large insurance company in Houston, Texas.

Mark Bushman was married in July 2000 to **Kim Strafalace** '96. They live in Spotsylvania, Va., with their two cats. Mark works for the government but co-hosts "Soccer Talk" on our local channel 3 in his spare time. A celebrity in our midst!

Jennifer Rice is engaged to be married to **David Henderson** '95 in November 2000. She is a publications manager for the National Association for Biomedical Research in D.C., and Dave is a systems engineer for EDS.

Jennifer Pugin Richards moved to Fairbanks, Alaska, after graduation and spent four years living in a tiny cabin with no indoor plumbing but always within sight of the Northern Lights. While there, she obtained a master's degree in natural resources management from the U. of Alaska Fairbanks. Returning to the lower 48, she married Rob in 1997 and works for Burns & McDonnell Engineers in San Diego as an environmental scientist. She and her husband both own motorcycles and are certified scuba divers, which certainly must fill their spare time!

As for myself, I try valiantly to balance a life as mother, wife, teacher and student. I still teach high-school English in Spotsylvania and need three more classes to finish my M.Ed. My son, Thomas, just turned two and is the absolute light of my life. We are very fortunate as a family because my husband, Eric's, job permits him to stay home with Thomas almost all week while I work.

I stay in touch with many friends from the French House. **Lesley Stewart** is in New York and works in television production. My old roomie, **Jennifer Rambo**, after traveling to Australia, New Zealand, Switzerland, and numerous other places after graduation, lives in Pennsylvania and works in a gallery. I was privileged to serve as matron-of-honor at the wedding of **Claudette Gamache** and **Bill Sherman** '96 in June 1998.

They live in Annapolis, Md., and both work in their field of historic preservation.

I think I've included everything I've heard since October! Please continue to keep in touch, and start planning now for our big 10-year reunion in 2004! I want to know all of you by then!

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From Jen:

Many thanks to all of you who wrote to share your news! I am sure that our classmates look forward to knowing what exciting events are taking place for the graduates of '96. For those of you that I saw at Homecoming '99, it was great to catch up and hear about your many and varied successes!

Rob Strassheim and **Shelby Hadfield** were married in June 1999. They live in Fairfax, and Rob is working as an advanced financial analyst in Herndon. He's also teaching undergraduate financial management at MWC's new James Monroe Center. In May, Shelby celebrated her graduation from law school. Many congratulations go to her for this accomplishment!

Also continuing the higher education trend, **Mike Giglio** '97 is finishing his master's in exercise physiology at George Washington U., and **Joe Porter** is working on his Ph.D. at Rutgers U.

If you happen to be driving through Fairfax any time soon, watch your speed! **Bryan Smith** became a Fairfax County police officer in December 1999. **Tom Zachry** is working as an assistant vice president of commercial lending at Crestar Bank in Richmond.

Alexa Cross Holzwarth and her husband, Seth, live outside of Chicago, and they were expecting their first baby last February. Be sure to update us on all of the baby info! Jim and **Jeanne Floyd Snyder** recently sent photos of their daughter, Elizabeth, who celebrated her first birthday in June. She is absolutely adorable! Continuing the baby boom, **Lisa Errickson Henry** and husband Kevin had a baby girl in April. Mom, dad and baby are doing great and live near Charlottesville, where Kevin is a newscaster for NBC. Lisa works in the public relations department for Culpeper Memorial Hospital.

Keeping up the spirited adventure of travel, **Jen Groves Fisher** and her husband, Wil, are moving to England for three years with Wil's new naval assignment. **Tori Hillyer Brantley** and husband **Bill Brantley** '95 live in Northern Virginia and planned to spend a week at the Grand Canyon this past summer. **Craig Fear** took a road trip across the country and ended up in Alaska! **Kate Lulfs Ehrle** '97 and husband **Richard Ehrle** '85 spent the month of May on a well-deserved vacation thoughout Europe. They were also able to visit with Kate's parents, who live in Naples, Italy.

Aaron Reed '95 applied to the Army's OCS program and, at the time I was writing this, was living in Washington, D.C. **Jack Bryant** '95 graduated medical school last summer and is currently in the Air Force, practicing at Andrews Air Force Base.

I have finally found a career that I enjoy immensely — I am the director of Sylvan Learning Center in Williamsburg. Besides a few annual trips, my travel is kept to a minimum, which is a nice change from the field of college admissions (though I do miss it!). My husband, Mark, and I keep busy with our new home: landscaping, gardening, decorating — the works! We are also planning a much overdue vacation to the Caribbean this Christmas.

I know that there are so many stories and adventures to be shared, so be sure to contact me for the next issue of our class notes. With all of us having such busy lifestyles, these notes are a fantastic way to have a connection with our classmates. Please, take a minute and share your news. I look forward to hearing from you!

From Jill:

The year 2000 has arrived with a bang for MWC's Class of 1996!

Andi Tapscott and **Tug Martin** have packed up their things and headed west to Littleton, Colo. Speaking of moving, **Bic Nguyen** has moved to Northern Virginia and has begun working with her brother for Westgate Realty Inc.

Tiffany Jeffries is attending N.Y. Chiropractic College and lives in Seneca Falls, N.Y. **Colleen Carpenter** reminded me of our Virginia Hall days as freshmen! Since leaving MWC, Colleen worked for the USDA in Maryland for two years. She left to go back to school at VCU for a master's in environmental health, which she completed in summer 2000. Colleen now plans to work on her Ph.D. to study vaccine development at Johns Hopkins U. **Matthew Ladenheim** has earned a juris doctorate degree from The Dickinson School of Law of The Pennsylvania State U.

Carra Davies is working as a Peace Corps volunteer in Mongolia. She started in June '99 and will stay until June '01. Carra's job is to train English teachers in the providence where she lives. **Jamie Pizzorno** still lives and works in Kyoto, Japan.

Jamie Wasserman shared some news of friends. **Peter Steinberg** still has the travel bug! His next trip is to Australia. I've been there, and it is definitely my favorite place to visit! Peter is working at Telebank in Arlington. **Brian Tucker** was to tie the knot in July 2000. Jamie was also getting married, and his wedding was also in July. Jamie spent some time in London giving poetry readings. His current residence is in Columbia, Md. **Tracey Dickerson** '97 lives in Virginia Beach with her husband, Kelly. **Sarah Wilkes** has returned to F'burg and is working in the MWC library. **Bharat Somanath** is in Florida studying to be a registered nurse. **Tom Palmer** has taken over as editor at *Toyfare* magazine in New York. Thanks for all the news Jamie!

It is hard to believe that next year will be five years since graduation! Don't forget to keep in touch and let me know what you've been up to! I hope the rest of 2000 finds you healthy and happy.

1997

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From Michelle:

The busy times continue for the Class of 1997. **Gina Pisoni** earned her master's from U.Va. **Zack Ward** was graduated from U.Va. law school. **Jen Rees** received her master's in library science from Rutgers U. She is presently a cataloger at Baker & Taylor, a worldwide book distribution company, and a reference librarian at the Mountainside Public Library.

John Day received his degree in architectural studies from Harvard U. Graduate School of Design. He is working as a designer/operations director at a design firm in Boston. **Omar Jabbour** earned his master's in international commerce and policy from George Mason and is now an international analyst at AMS.

Justine Schmollinger graduated with a master's in forensic psychology from John Jay College in N.Y.C. She now works for a SAMHSA funded community action grant that is trying to implement a comprehensive court-based diversion project for dually diagnosed mentally ill substance abusing individuals. She plans to continue this work until she begins a Ph.D. program sometime next year.

Luke Sbarra graduated from Wake Forest U. School of Law in May 2000. Luke penned an article titled "Wiping the Dust Off of an Old Statute: United States v. Dickerson Eliminates the Miranda Warnings" which was published in the *Wake Forest Law Review*. He planned to take the North Carolina bar exam in July and then move to Charlotte, N.C., to begin a one-year clerkship with the Honorable Judge George W. Hodges, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Western District of North Carolina.

Sarah Meyrowitz completed her first year of Rabbinic school in Israel and is heading to California to complete the next few years of school. This summer she will be the assistant director of a day camp and will have a pulpit next year when she will be the student rabbi. She is currently looking for a congregation in Juneau, Alaska, El Centro, Calif., or Butte, Mont.

Brian Barger '98 works for WorldCom as a technical consultant and lives in Arlington. He is starting his master's in telecommunications this fall at George Washington U. **Ally Serio** is in New Zealand doing a semester abroad for her master's in geography. **Aaron Mudry** is a member of the Air Force reserves and is heading to George Mason for grad school this fall.

Alanna Weaver is working in research at Merck and pursuing her M.B.A. **Ryan Preston** is pursuing a master's degree in business administration beginning this fall at George Washington University.

Eric Earling is working as a field director for Senator Slade Gorton's re-election campaign. **Becky Earle** continues to work for Congressman Wolf as a legislative assistant in his D.C. office and is also his campaign manager for this year's election.

Julie Newell works for Congressman Bateman. Becky and Julie enjoyed St. Patty's Day weekend on board the *USS Enterprise*. Julie informed me that there is no feeling like standing on the deck of an aircraft carrier in the middle of the ocean, mere steps away from F-14s and F-18s taking off. Another highlight of Julie's year was helping Congressman Bateman with the remarks he delivered at this year's MWC Commencement.

Robin Kozic will be running in the New York City Marathon in November. **Kim Ranney** lives in N.Y.C. and works for the National Academy of Poets doing Web design. She is writing in her spare time. **Krissy Tsantes** is doing wonderfully

pursuing a career in acting. **MJ Figel** spends her time working at Sports Illustrated Swimsuit and attending the crazy number of 2000 weddings she's been invited to.

Kari Kulow lives in Alaska and recently earned her pilot's license. She is taking three months off from her IT consulting job this fall to work as a backcountry patrol with the National Park Service in the desert Southwest. Kari is going to head back to Alaska for the winter to learn yet one more way to ski. **Bernadette Russell** bought a house in Alexandria, Va., and is planning to visit Kari in Alaska soon.

Jamie Simpson and **Philip Stoneman** '94 were married in May in Leesburg. **Brad Burch** and **Jody Tanner** '98 were married last fall and live in Fredericksburg. **Cecilia Kane** and **Jeremy Gagner** '98 married in March in Portsmouth, N.H. **Aron Laney** '98 was married last year to **Scott Delaney** '99.

Liz Bedell has a beautiful baby boy. She and her husband live in California. **Jackie Curry Todaro** and Jim are expecting their first child this October. **Cheryl Mote Chafos** spent her first year of marriage in Germany while her husband was finishing his tour there. From there, they moved to Monterey, Calif., where they prepared for his next tour in Siena, Italy. Cheryl is getting used to being both an Army wife and a mother of a son.

Renae Barnes and **Andy Martello** are engaged. **Amy Lapasota** is engaged to Davin Miles; a spring 2001 date has been set. **Lew Crenshaw** is engaged to Pam Karangelen, who is not an MWC girl, but I'm told she's a wonderful person nonetheless.

Sean Quigley and **Sean Moore** are both living in Pacific Beach, Calif. **Mike Hubbard** also lives there. **Peter Heatley** moved to a great big house about four blocks from Ocean Beach in San Francisco with **Jessie Evans** '98.

Kate Lulfs Ehrle and **Richard Ehrle** '85 spent three weeks in Europe in May. Many alums who visit the F-burg area are beneficiaries of their gracious hospitality.

Tanya Najarian started working for Booz Allen & Hamilton as a recruiter in May. **Kelly Regan** is working as a business writer at the *Charleston Gazette* in Charleston, W.Va. **Hellie Snyder** is working for a creative IT division of IBM. **Jason A. Tootell** works for Apex Systems in Richmond. He lives with **Matt Paxton**, who recently got engaged.

Ali McEvoy moved to D.C. from Northern Virginia and has been managing the Joy of Motion Dance Center in Friendship Heights since February. She received an alumni award in dance from the MWC performing arts club and MWC Friends of Dance. **Jon Hickman** '98 is working for George Washington U.

Allison Enedy adopted an adorable 3-year-old Lab named Murphy from the animal shelter. She still works at MWC in college relations and is helping **Allyson Knudson** plan her wedding. Allyson got engaged in early May to John Galup and is planning a wedding for April 2001.

I'm just keeping busy keeping up with all of you! As always, it is great to hear from everyone. Please keep in touch and remember to get me your address and e-mail updates.

Colleen Minion-Pierce is an account manager at the American Red Cross located in Philadelphia. **Joe Pierce** is working as a neighborhood preservation program coordinator for the City of Bridgeton. He is also a hearing officer for the historic district in Bridgeton. They live in Millville, N.J., in their beautiful Victorian house. Joe got elected to the Millville Board of Education, the youngest person ever elected.

This lovely paragraph was received prior to the College's notification of Joe's passing on July 1, 2000.

1998

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1999

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The only news is that **Mark Finney** has been accepted in the master's program for conflict analysis and resolution at George Mason U.

2000

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The graduates of '00 have just embarked on a new journey, with uncertainty — reason #1 why this column is practically non-existent for the fall. At the time of writing, life is quite insane, and many are moving or trying to get settled. It's time for college grads to start new jobs and move on toward the future.

Here's what I can share: **Daniela Kelley** is currently in Peru with family, working a little but planning for a job when she gets back to the States. **Eve Sledjeski** is planning her fall semester at Kent State U. in a doctoral program.

Peter "Pook" Gonyo is working in the D.C. area with computers and is planning a move closer than Woodbridge so that the commute isn't so horrible. **Eva Ross** is in Richmond, very happy and temping while she checks out the job market. **Jackie Herr** lives at home in Northern Virginia while she makes plans for her November wedding. She's not the only one getting married, but it's not yet time to spill the news for the other marriage-goers.

Rob McDowall is hanging out at GEICO, but rumor has it that he is getting a great promotion. **Geoff Bradley**, **Sean Otto**, and **Brien Roberts** are all getting ready for their new jobs — the three star admissions counselors, who will recruit for our alma mater from August 2000 to May 2001.

Many individuals moved home for a bit before heading off to grad school. We'll hear more about them in the next column.

As for me, I am working at Booz Allen & Hamilton, a consulting firm, as a recruiting assistant; how excited I was to find out that there are two other MWC'ers in my 100-person recruiting team: **Andrea Sellers** '99 and **Tanya Najarian** '96!

Keep in touch so we can all share in the successes and triumphs of our class.

In Memoriam

Eleanor Ball Kipps '20
Harriett T. Bridgewater '25
Evelyn Louise Phillips Forrest '28
Elizabeth Marian Johnson Gravatt '28
Huldan Morton Young '28
Corene Jones Dalton '30
Garnet Williams Levi '33
Dorothy Johnson Brown '34
Mary Etta Payne Gordon '35
Dorothy Talbott Grissom '35
Virginia Holland Stephenson '35
Audrey Rose Burton '36
Lucile Miles Beckett '38
L. Marguerite Crumley '38
Lottie Driver '39
Mabel Moffitt Evans '39
Jeanette C. Greenberger '41
Madeline Warren Tomlinson '42
Katherine Pinner Grinstead '43
Belva Dunn Jones '44
Alice Graves Russell '44
Doris F. Conover '45
Elaine Barraclough Maddox '45
Corinne Hek '50
Jean Melvin Mumma '50
Eleanor Mount Gehres '52
Nancy Lange Krautter '55
Jennie Campbell Gooch '56
Jean T. Smith '56
Lynn Jenkins Auker '63
Carol Thompson Faulkner '63
Judy McCrary Herndon '63
Linda Duckman Keller '64
Sherry Swank Bernaki '74
Cathy Vaughan Gill '78
Rachel A. Jones '97
Joseph H. Pierce '97

Susan Mulholland Breedin '86, senior lecturer, Department of Theatre and Dance
Patricia Lacy Metzger, professor of Business Administration

Condolences

Katheryne Browning Alfred '34, who lost her husband
Dorothy Teese Lambiotte '36, who lost her son
Bernice Whipple Crone '39, who lost her husband
Virginia Lewis Dalton '40, who lost her sister
Winnie Hudson Hodgson '40, who lost her husband
Lois Loehr Brown '41, who lost her sister
Jeanette Cooper Greenberger '41, who lost her husband
Elizabeth Stoecker Gallant '42, who lost her sister
Christine Vassar Crute '44, who lost her mother
Frances Farrell Fletcher '44, who lost her husband
Hildy Parks Cohen '45, who lost her husband
Dorothy Griffin Rice '45, who lost her husband
Barbara Lee Zehrbach McCoy '46, who lost her husband
Ruth Phipps Metzel '46, who lost her son
Anne Briesmaster Robertson '46, who lost her brother
Elizabeth Stallings Sharpe '46, who lost her husband
Betty Bond Heller Nichols '49, who lost her husband
Gladys Riddle Whitesides '49, who lost her husband
Margaret Smith Emmons '50, who lost her husband
Ann Montgomery Hogg '50, who lost her husband
Ruth Weaver Regenold '50, who lost her husband
Rowena Simpson Renn '50, who lost her mother
Florence Overley Ridderhof '50, who lost her husband
Beverly Youngs Robinson '50, who lost her husband
Beverly Hackett Runge '50, who lost her husband
Mary Mapp Edmonds Bradford '52, who lost her husband
Evelyn DeMott Breeden '52, who lost her husband
Charlotte Benz Villalobos '53, who lost her husband
Darlene Grove McNelis '56, who lost her husband
Pam Kingston Anderson '61, who lost her husband
Barbara Blee Dubitski '64, who lost her mother
Maria Maracic Polite '64, who lost her husband
Ann Bigley Robertson '74, who lost her mother
Mary Bigley Jones '76, who lost her mother
David Kitterman '76, who lost his father
Elizabeth Pruden Duke '80, who lost her mother
Charlotte Clare Snyder '81, who lost her father
Scott Harris '83, who lost his mother
Mabel Royal '83, who lost her father
Colleen Minion-Pierce '97, who lost her husband

Patricia Lacey Metzger

1946-2000

I had the privilege of knowing and working with Patricia Lacey Metzger since 1986. One always knew where Pat stood on any issue — sometimes even before you wanted to know — but she was steadfast in her convictions of what was right and what was wrong. While we did not agree on every issue, I respected her for knowing exactly what she felt the answer was and what action should be taken. A beauty of Pat's make-up was that she was also able to change positions over a period of time and to be able to make that transition gracefully, or if it could not be done gracefully, she would simply say, "This is the way it is, don't ask me any other questions!"

A theme of her life that I saw running constant through her activities at the College and in the greater community was fairness. Whether it was animal rights, fairness in the classroom, rights of women, or other such topics, Pat was always in the forefront, making her thoughts known. A word that comes to my mind to describe her tenacity and inner-strength is "crusader." She attacked each problem, each opportunity and each day with devoted energy and enthusiasm.

I remember one evening finishing an honor trial at 2 a.m., walking to the parking lot by Monroe Hall to go home, and seeing the light on in her office. I took out my cell phone, called her, and asked her what she was working on. She said she was working on a presentation for a meeting, but that she wanted to chat. So she came downstairs and we spoke for about 15 minutes on her work, what I was doing up so late, and the world in general. Time was not a restriction for Pat. She would work late into the evening or get up early in the morning, and sometimes she did both.

Pat had a great appreciation for the outside world. She loved the animals that roam in and out of our man-made obstacles and fought for their right to exist in their own habitat and not be used for our own purposes. No furry animal had a better ally than Pat.

Another aspect of Pat's make-up was that she worshiped the sun and all of the warmth it provides us. One of her last wishes was to be able to go to Virginia Beach one last time. She and Paul, her husband, made that journey, and while Pat was unable to get her usual deep suntan, she was able to enjoy the benefits of sounds of the sea and the beauty and openness of the ocean.

For many of us, we either have a dominant right side or left side of the brain, but I am convinced that Pat was blessed with an equally dominant right and left side of the brain. On one hand she was very detail-oriented, making sure that all the debits equaled all the credits. But in the same breath she could be as creative a problem-solver as I have ever seen. This is what made working with Pat such a treat, for in a meeting we never knew what she was going to say or do. For instance, she loved the structure of a seniority system — especially after she gained seniority — and was always making sure that office selections, class scheduling and office equipment were doled out in the correct order. Further, no matter what variation of merit pay plan we had, she wanted to know specifically what were the rules and how did you gain "the points." She was very adept at shifting from one plan to the other, but I can hear her saying "Just tell me how you count the points and I will do it."

Pat met every day with a zealous approach to life, but when she dealt with people, she had the ability to demonstrate compassion, and always offered a helping hand. I believe this is why she made a good accounting professor. On one hand she could challenge you to go find the answer and come back and talk about your findings, and — as long as you tried — she was willing to help, even if you had not found the right answer.

Some of the plaques presented to Pat most recently were: Volunteer of the Year for Mental Health Association in Fredericksburg 1999; Outstanding Educators Accounting Award from VASCPA 1995; Outstanding Contribution to Soil and Conservation Award 1995-98.

We at Mary Washington shared a part of our life with Pat, and are better off because of it.

R. Leigh Frackelton Jr., chair, Department of Business Administration

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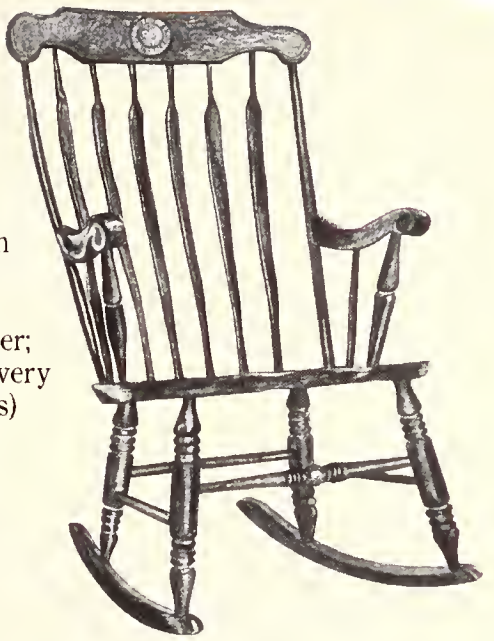

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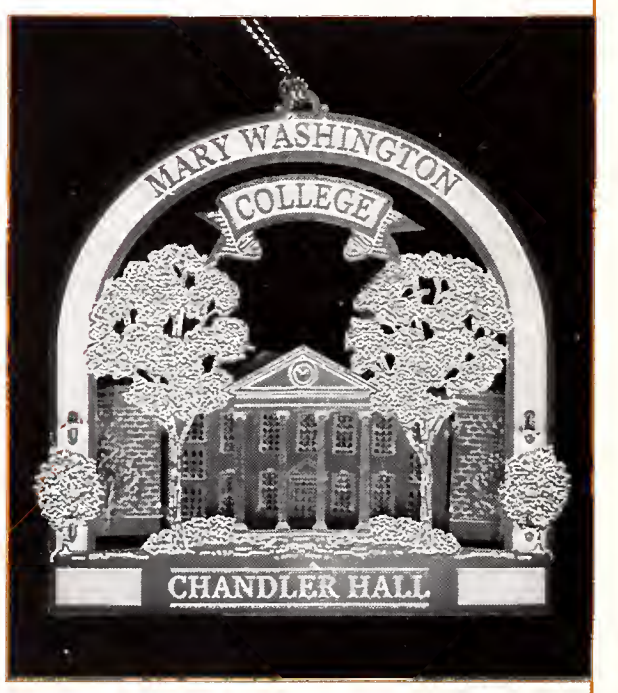

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HONOR CONVOCATION

Continued from the inside front cover

The featured speaker for the evening was The Honorable J.M.H. Willis, Jr., who spoke on the topic, "Honor and Ethics in Your Community."

Class Council President Seth Kennard '01 has been involved in four honor convocations, and said this freshman class has shown more enthusiasm than any class that he has ever seen.

"From the feedback that I've gotten from this class, I have no doubt that they will do their part to uphold our system of honor," he said.

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